

# Battery Disposal Guide

This playbook provides a step-by-step guide on how to properly dispose of or recycle various types of batteries. It helps ensure environmental safety and compliance with regulations.

## Step 1: **Identify**

Identify the type of battery you are dealing with (alkaline, rechargeable, button cell, lithium, car battery, etc.), as different types require different disposal methods.

## Step 2: **Consult**

Consult your local waste management authorities or recycling centers to learn about the specific battery disposal regulations and available facilities in your area.

## Step 3: **Prepare**

Prepare the batteries for disposal by placing tape over the terminals of lithium and rechargeable batteries to prevent short-circuiting, which could lead to fire risks.

## Step 4: **Locate**

Locate a battery recycling facility or a hazardous waste collection event in your community. Many retailers also offer take-back programs for used batteries.

## Step 5: **Separate**

Separate the batteries by type and ensure they are stored in non-conductive containers or bags to prevent any hazardous reactions during transportation.

## Step 6: **Transport**

Transport the prepared batteries to the designated disposal or recycling center, making sure they are securely placed in your vehicle to avoid any accidents en route.

## Step 7: **Dispose**

Follow the recycling center's guidelines for battery disposal, ensuring you hand over the batteries to authorized personnel and receive any necessary disposal confirmations.

# **General Notes**

## **Safety Tips**

Always handle batteries with care, avoiding extreme temperatures and keeping them away from fire. Store used batteries away from children and pets.

## **Environmental Impact**

Improper disposal of batteries can lead to soil and water contamination. Recycling helps in conserving natural resources and reducing environmental pollution.