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Greenable Topic
Battery Recycling
Dos and Don'ts

What should I know?

⇒ Batteries can and should be recycled when they reach their end-of-life. Throwing batteries in the garbage or in your curbside recycling bin can cause fires and harm the environment, people, and property.

⇒ All batteries can and should be recycled. If batteries, especially lithium-based, are thrown into the garbage, they can cause a spark that could endanger individuals and surrounding property. Certain types of batteries, such as Nickel Cadmium rechargeable, can contaminate the environment if not properly disposed.

How can I get involved?

⇒ Rechargeable and Button Cell Batteries should be recycled, but they must be recycled at a drop-off location, not in your curbside bin. To find the nearest collection site, use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

⇒ Be battery safety smart and responsibly manage your rechargeable batteries at their end of life. For more information on batteries, visit the [Avoid the Spark New Jersey](http://www.avoidthesparknj.com) website.

Why is it important?

⇒ Taping the exposed terminals of batteries (or alternatively, bagging) can help prevent the battery from rubbing against other batteries, metals or potentially flammable materials, which could result in fires, personal injury or other damage. Duct, electrical or packing tape are all good options in addition to clear ziploc bags.

⇒ Lithium-based batteries pose a potential risk when not properly protected, as witnessed by a number of fires across the country. For additional guidance, view our [Battery Safety 101 video](#). When in doubt, always tape or bag.

Reminders!

⇒ For Rechargeable Batteries: visit Call2Recycle's [locator](#) or take to your local household hazardous waste program. For Single-Use (Lithium & Button Cell): take to your local household hazardous waste program

⇒ Single-Use (Alkaline batteries) Visit all2Recycle's [locator](#), Earth911.org, or check the recycle Coach app to find participation drop-off locations near you. For Single-Use (Lithium & Button Cell): take to your local household hazardous waste program. For additional visit: <https://www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us/997/Battery-recycling-Disposal>