



# NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN ANY CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINER

**RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES CONTAIN HEAVY METALS SUCH AS CADMIUM AND LEAD AND MUST BE RECYCLED PROPERLY.**

**Recycling rechargeable batteries is free and easy, thanks to Call2Recycle.**

Call2Recycle® is the only free rechargeable battery collection program in North America and is operated by the non-profit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation.

**What types of rechargeable batteries can be recycled?**

If it's rechargeable, it's recyclable! Batteries labeled as Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) should be recycled.

**Where to Go?**

Visit [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) or call 1-877-723-1297 to find a collection site near you. Sites include Home Depot, Lowe's, and Staples.

**Follow safety guidelines:**

To reduce risks, before dropping rechargeable batteries in a collection box, place each battery into a separate plastic bag or cover the battery terminals with tape (electrical, duct or masking).

**What about alkaline (non-rechargeable) batteries?**

Do not recycle them. A 1996 federal law phased out mercury in alkaline batteries. Today alkaline batteries fall below federal hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.

**What about button cell batteries?**

Most still contain mercury. Recycle them at the County's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Resource Recovery Complex in Florence.

For more info call 609-499-5200 or visit [www.co.burlington.nj.us/346/Hazardous-Waste](http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/346/Hazardous-Waste).

**Pay special attention to rechargeable lithium ion batteries:**

They are commonly found in laptops and digital cameras. They can catch fire and even explode if overheated or crushed.



**Crushing can create a spark, causing the flammable liquid inside the battery to ignite and create a fire.**



- If the temperature inside the battery rises rapidly, the battery can explode due to the increased pressure.
- If the temperature rises slowly, the battery can melt, and the liquid inside can leak out.
- Recycling center fires have been caused by batteries tossed in curbside recycling. The wayward batteries are inadvertently crushed by recycling handling equipment and then ignite, causing explosions and fires.

## NEVER PUT ANY TYPE OF BATTERY IN YOUR RECYCLING BUCKET OR CART!

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