

Proper Disposal of Batteries

Many things we use in our daily lives are battery powered. But when those batteries are no longer useable, it can be confusing to know how to get rid of them. Below are instructions for disposal of the most common types of batteries.

Lead Acid Batteries

Cars, trucks, recreational vehicles and boats all use lead-acid batteries. It is illegal to dispose of these batteries in your trash. If not properly handled, lead-acid batteries can leak contaminants into soil and water. You can take your dead battery for recycling to a retail store. Battery retailers are required by law to accept used batteries free of charge.



Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries can be found in power tools, phones and computers. The NYS Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act requires manufacturers of covered rechargeable batteries to collect and recycle the batteries at no cost to consumers. Many local retailers provide bins for battery recycling.



Button Cell Batteries

These circular batteries are most often found in watches, hearing aids and calculators. They should be brought to one of the Dutchess County Household Hazardous Waste drop off events for proper disposal.



Non-Rechargeable Alkaline Batteries

Alkaline batteries can be safely put in your household trash. There are also take back programs, such as Call2recycle.

Some common alkaline batteries include 9 Volt, AA, AAA, C, and D

