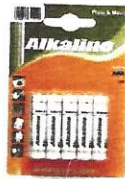


Many New Jersey Counties have been collecting household batteries for recycling and proper disposal since the early 1990s. Due to regulatory changes and less hazardous battery compositions, collection practices may change.

IF IT'S RECHARGEABLE, IT'S RECYCLABLE.

Since the New Jersey Dry Cell Battery Management Act was adopted in 1991 and the Federal Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act was adopted in 1996, household battery manufacturers have begun manufacturing alkaline batteries with no added mercury and have reduced the amount of mercury added to other batteries. **Alkaline batteries now fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.**



WHAT TYPES OF BATTERIES SHOULD I RECYCLE?

Recycle all Rechargeable Batteries.

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
- Small Sealed Lead-less than 11 lbs (Pb)



Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries sometimes look like regular alkaline batteries. The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable. If it says "Alkaline", dispose of it in the regular trash.



WHAT ABOUT BUTTON CELL BATTERIES?

Most button cell batteries still contain mercury. These batteries can be brought to your County's Household Hazardous Waste events.

WHERE CAN I BRING MY RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING?

Rechargeable batteries CAN be recycled at participating retail locations including the following: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless.

To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Some counties have drop-off sites for rechargeable batteries or accept them at Household Hazardous Waste events. Remember, batteries must be properly prepared before drop off. See the back of the brochure for the phone number of your County Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator, or visit the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator's website at www.njhazwaste.com for more information.

PREPARING HAZARDOUS (NON-ALKALINE) BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING

New Federal regulations have been enacted to prevent short circuiting of batteries during transport. **Residents must individually bag each battery or tape each of the terminal end prior to recycling.**