



Battery Recycling

	Household Trash	HHW Collection First Saturday of Each Month*	Call2Recycle**	Recycling Centers***
Alkaline	✓		✓	
Rechargeable		✓	✓	
Button		✓	✓	
Lead-Acid				✓
Lithium		✓	✓	

* Department of Public Works, 10430 Audie Lane, La Plata; First Saturday of Each Month, 9am-3pm

**Check with www.Call2Recycle.org for locations near you.

***Visit www.CharlesCountyMD.gov/Recycling to find the Recycling Center most convenient to you.



Alkaline Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, etc.)

Since 1996, these everyday batteries no longer contain the heavy metals that were considered hazardous to the environment and can be disposed in your household trash. Some retail take-back programs may exist for those who wish to recycle these batteries.



Rechargeable Batteries

There are many different types of rechargeable batteries including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Lithium Ion (Li-ion) and Small Sealed Lead(Pb). Rechargeable batteries contain heavy metals that should be recycled through a retail take-back program or at an HHW Collection Day at the Department of Public Works the first Saturday of every month.



Button Batteries (hearing aid, watch, greeting card)

These batteries can contain mercury and silver oxide, which are hazardous to the environment. Please recycle these batteries through a retail take-back program or at an HHW Collection Day at the Department of Public Works the first Saturday of every month.



Lead-Acid Batteries (car, motorcycle, boat)

Recycle these batteries at one of the four Recycling Centers operated by Charles County. Acceptable lead-acid batteries also include AGM and Gel Cell, commonly found in ATVs and kids powered vehicles.



Lithium Batteries (toy, clock, camera, calculator, laptop)

If your battery contains lithium, it should include the word "lithium" somewhere on its body. These batteries should be recycled through a retail take-back program or at an HHW Collection Day Department of Public Works the first Saturday of every month.

If you are recycling a laptop, please leave the battery in the laptop and place the laptop in the Electronic Recycling drop-off at a Recycling Center.

Free Battery Collection

[Call2Recycle](http://www.Call2Recycle.org) provides FREE boxes for rechargeable batteries and cell phones. Who can be a collection site? Businesses, retailers, communities and public agencies can participate and recycle batteries for free.