

# Universal Waste Batteries

Many batteries contain hazardous materials and must not be disposed of in the regular trash. Newer alkaline and zinc-carbon batteries may contain significantly lower amounts of mercury, generally 0.025% by weight or less, and are not considered hazardous wastes when disposed. Low mercury content is usually prominently printed on the packaging material, but not necessarily on the batteries themselves. Nonhazardous batteries, such as low- or no-mercury alkaline and zinc-carbon, may be disposed of as nonhazardous solid waste.

To avoid arcing, the terminals on lead acid and lithium batteries must be taped or the batteries must be in separate plastic bags. Keep batteries away from flammable chemicals.

“Universal Waste – Battery” and mark the date. Del  
Recycling/Surplus or request collection through EHA  
online [Chemical Waste Collection Request](#)

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