

BATTERY BEWARE

TAKE CHARGE. STAY SAFE. DON'T Recycle or Trash Lithium Batteries at Home

Lithium batteries are found in a wide range of devices, including cell phones, power tools, laptops, tablets, children's toys, scooters, electric toothbrushes and more.



PREVENT FIRES

Lithium and lithium-ion batteries are made from highly flammable materials and can pose a serious fire risk. If overheated, punctured or tampered with, these batteries can catch fire, explode or cause injuries.



CONSERVE PRECIOUS RESOURCES

By recycling lithium batteries correctly, you can help preserve the valuable resources contained within them, such as nickel, cobalt, graphite, lithium and manganese.



PROTECT PEOPLE

Lithium battery fires are incredibly difficult to extinguish and may reignite days later. When batteries fail, they can release toxic gases that endanger individuals in their homes and workplaces.



PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Improper disposal of lithium batteries can have dire consequences for the environment. The materials within these batteries can harm ecosystems and contaminate water supplies, causing long-lasting damage.



WHERE TO RECYCLE

Find a local recycling facility near you that recycles lithium batteries. You may be able to recycle lithium batteries (at no cost) at retail drop-off locations such as Best Buy, The Home Depot, Staples, Ace Hardware and Lowe's. You can also use a mail-back program or take them to a certified electronics recycler.

DO'S & DON'T'S

- DON'T** Overcharge lithium batteries or leave them plugged in overnight.
- DON'T** Throw away lithium batteries in the trash.
- DON'T** Try to recycle lithium batteries at home.
- DO** Store batteries between 40° and 80°F.
- DO** Cover battery terminals with electrical tape or place them in separate plastic bags when disposing.
- DO** Dispose of lithium-ion batteries at designated recycling or household hazardous waste collection points.



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