




Battery Handling Procedures

Examples of batteries:

<u>Lithium</u>	<u>Lead Acid*</u>	<u>Nickel-Cadmium</u>	<u>Nickel Metal Hydride</u>	<u>Mercury</u>	<u>Alkaline</u>
Li, Li-ion	Pb-Acid	NiCd	NiMH	Hg	AA, AAA, C, D, 9V
Used mainly in consumer electronics	Used in hospital equipment and vehicles	Used in power tools and telephones	Used mainly in consumer electronics	Used in watches, hearing aids, and calculators	Used in flashlights and consumer electronics
					
EHS collects for recycling.	If < 2 lbs, EHS collects; if >2 lbs, deliver to P/MM Surplus Properties Warehouse.	EHS collects for recycling.	EHS collects for recycling.	EHS collects for recycling.	EHS does <i>not</i> collect Discard with regular trash.

* Non-leaking only. If leaking, submit a Pick Up Request Form (PURF) to EHS.

Packaging Preparation

- Batteries may be collected in a plastic bucket or a cardboard box lined with a plastic bag.
- Battery posts/terminals **must** be isolated from one another. Either cover each terminal with tape or place each battery in a plastic bag. If taping over the entire battery, please use transparent tape so EHS may determine the type of battery. Similarly, if using a plastic bag, please write the battery type on the outside of the bag.



Terminals taped.



Entire battery bagged.

Packaging Batteries

- Batteries must be sorted by type.
- Affix a "Universal Waste" label to the box/bucket before you add your first battery. [See separate "[MU EHS Universal Waste Label Instructions for Batteries](#)".] This label must be readily visible (e.g. to inspectors) without moving the container, and display the correct start date.
- Store boxes in a dry, secured area.
- When the battery container is full, inventory the contents and add this information to the "Universal Waste" label.

Delivering Universal Waste

- Universal Waste must be delivered to EHS within six months of the accumulation start date on the label.
- Filled boxes may be delivered to the Resource Recovery Center ([map](#)) on Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. If delivery is not possible, please telephone 882-3736 for additional options.