

Rechargeable Battery And Cell Phone Recycling Program Guidelines

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Step 1: Understand What Is Acceptable For Recycling

- Rechargeable batteries each weighing less than 11 lbs
 - O Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
 - O Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
 - O Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
 - O Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
 - Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)
- Cell Phones (and their batteries) regardless of size, make, model or age.

Step 2: Build the Box



Remove shrink wrap. Pull and lift front flap.

Step 2: Continued



Insert header tabs into top slots and side flaps into back slots. Ensure bags are neatly positioned.

Step 3: Display the Box



Display the box in a location overseen by staff/students. Date and attach a Universal Waste Label (see separate instructions).

Step 4: Bag It



Insert a battery or cell phone in a provided bag. For big batteries, or if no bag is available, cover terminals with nonconductive tape.

Step 5: Seal It



Remove plastic strip from top of bag and seal.

Step 6: Box It



Deposit sealed bag into the box.

Step 7: Filled/Dated Box



When the box is full (do not exceed 50 lb limit) or 6 months have elapsed since the start date, submit a request for service.

Step 8: Request Service

At 6 month intervals
Environmental Health and
Safety or Sustainability
Office staff members, or
student volunteers with
Sustain Mizzou, will check
your box and empty or
replace it as necessary.

You may also request immediate service by calling the Sustainability Office at 573-884-9319.



Examples of Recyclable Batteries

Lithium

Li-ion

Used mainly in consumer electronics





Place in battery recycling box.

Lead Acid

Pb Acid

Used in various electrical equipment



If <11 lbs, place in battery recycling box. If >11 lbs, send to Surplus Property.

Nickel - Cadmium

NiCd

Used in various power tools



Place in battery recycling box.

Nickel Metal Hydride

NiMH

Used in various consumer electronics



Place in battery recycling box.

Examples of Non-Recyclable Batteries

Button

Silver (Ag), Lithium (Li), Mercury (Hg)

Used in watches, hearing aids, and calculators



EHS collects for disposal. Telephone for pickup.

Lithium

Li Primary

Used in non-rechargeable consumer electronics



EHS collects for disposal. Telephone for pickup.

Leaking Lead Acid

Pb Acid

Used in various electrical equipment



EHS collects for disposal. Telephone for pickup.

Alkaline

AA, AAA, C, D, 9V

Used in non-rechargeable consumer electronics





EHS does not collect.

Discard with regular trash.

Universal Waste Label Instructions

- Affix one label to each collection container immediately before you begin using the container.
- 2. Affix the label to the accumulation container such that:
 - The label is visible from the front of the container.
 - The label is oriented properly (the top of the label is "up").
- Mark an "X" in the box to the left of "UNIVERSAL WASTE – BATTERY(IES)."
- 4. On the line immediately following "ACCUMULATION START DATE," write the complete date (Month/Day/Year) that you began to accumulate batteries in the container.

