

## Prepare your batteries to be recycled

**\*Always tape the ends of batteries to avoid contact with other batteries and metals that may cause a fire. Proper taping ensures safe storage and transit.**



**Avoid Fires and Environmental Hazards by Recycling Batteries Responsibly!**




**Household Hazardous Waste Facility**  
35 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY  
(845) 364-2444

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Open Monday through Friday 8 am - 1 pm  
Except holidays.

**Please visit our website for the dates of the Saturday and Sunday events.**

### Safety Tips

- Follow manufacturer's guidelines on electronics.
- Do not charge electronics over night.
- Provide air flow (do not wrap electronics in a blanket or place under a pillow).
- Look for UL certified products. 
- Do not use cords that show damage.
- Dispose of your electronic waste and batteries responsibly at participating retailers within Rockland County or Rockland Green's Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Call 9-1-1 if you see smoke or flames.

Rockland Green accepts more than 98,000+ pounds of battery waste per year.



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# Battery Recycling Awareness



**How to properly recycle batteries in Rockland County**



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## Where to recycle batteries in Rockland County

Rechargeable batteries should **not** be placed in the household garbage or recycling bins, especially if they are lithium-ion.

No worries, though! We have multiple alternative disposal options, however, for your safety please keep the following battery handling tip in mind:

**Always tape the ends of batteries**, proper taping ensures safe storage and transit.

Dispose of your batteries properly and responsibly at:

**Rockland Green's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)** drop-off service Monday-Friday (except holidays) **8am-1pm** and 10 weekend collection events yearly. Located at:  
**35 Firemen's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY.**

Waste electronics and batteries can be brought back to **participating retailers** for recycling as well as the HHW facility. The program is called the:

### The Manufacturer's Take-Back Program

Please check the DEC's list of participating retailers on their website at [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html)

Some **participating retailers** in Rockland County are:

**Home Depot and Lowe's** both have compliant battery drop-off boxes. **Staples and Best Buy** please bring your batteries to the service desk.

## BENEFITS OF BATTERY RECYCLING

Recycling batteries rather than allowing them to release their toxic metals in a landfill ensures that soil and water are not polluted.

The metals and plastic from the batteries are reused, reducing the need for raw materials. Since recycled materials are used in the manufacture of new batteries, the new batteries cost less, saving the consumer money.

With the large global demand on batteries, recycling them will help reduce significant space in landfills.

### What are you supposed to do with old batteries?

**Ordinary batteries:** Regular alkaline, manganese and carbon-zinc batteries are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of with ordinary trash - examples: AA, AAA, C and D batteries. **However, please make every attempt to recycle all batteries** at a participating retailer through the **Manufacturer's Take-Back Program** or at Rockland Green's Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW).

**Rechargeable batteries** such as Lithium, Button Cell, electronics with a sealed battery and 9 volt batteries are recyclable and **must be** brought to the HHW facility or to a participating retailer.

**\*\*See examples below**

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## DANGERS OF IMPROPER DISPOSAL

Batteries contain a variety of toxic heavy metal materials that can be harmful to the environment and our communities. Proper battery recycling is key to ensuring safety to the public and a clean future.

### Harmful Consequences of Improper Battery Disposal:



- When batteries come in contact with one another, or with other flammable materials they create a fire hazard. Batteries can spark or explode. They do not belong in the trash or recycling bins.
- Accidental fires can also occur when batteries are crushed, scraped or subjected to external pressure.

-Material Recovery Facilities - MRF (Recycling Centers) are also vulnerable to on-site fires created by the improper disposal of batteries, impacting both employees and public health.

-If batteries are mistakenly placed in recycling bins or trash cans, they can create fires, damage trucks, equipment and lead to rising consumer costs.

