

General Battery Disposal Information

Due to the chemicals in them, you should recycle rechargeable, lithium, lithium ion and zinc air batteries. In addition to “traditional” rechargeable batteries like AAs or AAAs, rechargeable batteries like the ones found in everyday household items such as cameras, cell phones, laptops and power tools should also be recycled. Look for the battery recycling seals on rechargeable batteries.¹

Where Can I Recycle Non-Alkaline Batteries?

Recycle Works West, which is located at 2110 E. Pitman in Wentzville, accepts rechargeable batteries and intact, used automotive batteries. For cracked or leaking batteries, please call (636) 949-1800 for chemical collection. Recycle Works is open M-F, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Recycle Works also accepts several other items, such as appliances and cooking oil. For a full list, visit bit.ly/RecycleWorks. Questions? Please call St. Charles County at (636) 949-7900, ext. 4267. Power-tool batteries can, however, be taken to The Home Depot in Wentzville.

Unfortunately, proven cost-effective and environmentally safe recycling processes are not yet in place for alkaline batteries.

So How Do I Safely Dispose of Alkaline Batteries?

Alkaline batteries can be safely disposed of with normal household waste. Never dispose of batteries in fire because they could explode.

It is important not to dispose of large numbers of alkaline batteries in a group, as used batteries are often not completely dead. Grouping used batteries together can bring these live batteries into contact with one another, creating safety risks.²



¹ www.duracell.com

² www.call2recycle.org