

NEW ILLINOIS LAW - NEVER put batteries OF ANY KIND in your curbside recycling bin or trash

Beginning January 1, 2026, Illinois law requires battery manufacturers to fund battery collection, with no cost to the consumer.



Types of Batteries FOR DROP OFF

Primary cells:

Single-use, non-rechargeable batteries (e.g., AAA, AA, A, C, D, 9V, button/coin type)

Secondary cells:

Rechargeable batteries (e.g., lithium-ion, lead acid, nickel-metal hydride)

FREE drop-off location at HOME DEPOT

Battery Dangers

Batteries, particularly those with lithium or toxic metals can be hazardous. Improper disposal may cause fires or environmental contamination.

Today, alkaline batteries are considered benign and of little risk to people or the environment. However, other batteries can pose dangers to the environment and to human health due to toxic ingredients or by posing a fire hazard.

Other Batteries

NEVER discard lead acid or nickel cadmium in trash or recycling bins!



Both lead acid and nickel cadmium batteries contain heavy metals (cadmium and lead) that are toxic to the environment. These batteries must also be sent to specialty recycling programs. *It is illegal to put automotive lead acid batteries in garbage or recycling bins in Illinois!*

Lead-acid car batteries are accepted at some auto part retailers. Call around.