



# PROPER DISPOSAL OF LITHIUM BATTERIES

**Lithium batteries are hazardous  
and require special handling for proper disposal.  
DO NOT PLACE IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING OR TRASH.**

Fires caused by **Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries** have become increasingly common as consumers mistakenly discard a variety of electronics in household trash or recycling.

Lithium-ion batteries are used in many products such as electronics, toys, wireless headphones, handheld power tools, small and large appliances, electric vehicles, and electrical energy storage systems.



**Batteries can create fires** when crushed by the collection equipment, dropped or scraped on hard surfaces, or crushed by landfill compacting equipment, among other causes. Battery fires damage trucks, equipment, and lead to rising consumer costs.



## Where to Recycle

Safely prepare your rechargeable batteries for recycling.  
There are two options: Bag or tape.

- Option A: Bag each battery individually in a clear plastic bag before placing it in a storage container.
- Option B: Tape the terminals with clear packing, or non-conductive electrical or duct tape, keeping the label visible.

Rechargeable batteries (Lithium, Li-ion, Ni-Cd, Ni-Mh) can be recycled at retail stores including **BatteriesPlus, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Staples.** Some retailers may also accept non-hazardous alkaline batteries and hearing aid batteries for a small fee. Check with your local store.

City service departments may have a special collection. There is a special drop-off at the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District by appointment.

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