

Battery Identification Guide for Common Household Batteries

Avoiding the spark keeps people and property safe. It's also good for the planet as trashed batteries can increase the risk for fires, leak potentially hazardous materials into the waste stream and increase the need to mine for virgin materials. Be battery safety smart by individually bagging or taping all used batteries before dropping at a convenient Call2Recycle® drop-off site.

Ni-MH



Type: Rechargeable
Name on battery: Ni-MH
Seal color: Orange



Nickel-Metal Hydride

Performs well in high drain devices and can be recharged up to 1,000 times.

Products that may use or contain Nickel-Metal Hydride batteries:

Power Tools



Two-Way Radios



Digital Cameras



Cordless Phones



Ni-Cd



Type: Rechargeable
Name on battery: Ni-Cd
Seal color: Green



Nickel Cadmium

Can be recharged up to 1,000 times and contains Cadmium, which can be toxic to the environment and should be recycled.

Products that may use or contain Nickel Cadmium batteries:

Power Tools



Two-Way Radios



Digital Cameras



Cordless Phones



SSLA/Pb



Type: Rechargeable
Name on battery: SSLA/Pb
Seal color: Gray



Small Sealed Lead Acid

Simple to manufacture and have one of the lowest discharge rates of any rechargeable battery.

Products that may use or contain Small Sealed Lead Acid batteries:

Emergency Devices



Ride-On Toys



Security Systems



Mobility Scooters



UPS Back-Ups



Li-Ion



Type: Rechargeable
Name on battery: Li-Ion
Seal color: Blue



Lithium Ion

Has excellent performance in high drain devices, though it can be considered expensive.

Products that may use or contain Lithium Ion batteries:

Power Tools



Cellphones



Laptops



Power Banks



Toys



Primary



Type: Non-Rechargeable
Name on battery:
alkaline, lithium, zinc-air,
zinc-carbon, zinc-chloride,
CR/SR/LR (button batteries)

Primary/Single-Use

Primary/Single-Use batteries cannot be recharged and must be disposed of once they wear out. Alkaline, lithium, silver oxide, zinc-air, zinc-carbon, and zinc-chloride are all types of primary batteries.

Products that may use or contain primary/single-use batteries:

Flashlights



Clocks & Watches



Smoke Detectors



Remote Controls



Toys



For more information:

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Find a battery drop-off location near you at:

call2recycle.org/locator