

Batteries contain various hazardous metals such as lead, mercury, manganese, cadmium, lithium, and zinc. It can be damaging to the environment to bury them. Burning batteries also causes atmospheric pollution.

So, if you have a choice between buying and using regular batteries for your household electronics (remote control, smoke detector, flashlights, etc.), and rechargeable batteries, what will you choose? The regular alkaline batteries, which can't be recharged, reused, or easily recycled, and end up in the landfill; or the rechargeables, which can be recharged, reused, and recycled when you're finished with them?

If you don't know if your battery needs to be recycled, remember this basic rule—if it's rechargeable, it's recyclable. Follow these steps below when recycling your batteries:

Step 1: Collect your leftover batteries

Collect all your leftover batteries. Rechargeable batteries from cell phones, laptops and car batteries are especially important to recycle since they contain toxic materials that could damage the environment. Call 1-800-8-Battery if you have questions about recycling rechargeable batteries.

Step 2: Locate a recycling center

Ask the store where the merchandise was purchased if they recycle batteries or find a recycling center on the nonprofit Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's website at www.rbrc.org. Type in your zip code and a list of locations appears. Batteries Plus and Café Espresso accept and recycle batteries. Most locations do not charge a fee but depends on type of batteries and weight. Call to verify and locations are listed below.

Step 3: Recycle pre-1997 batteries

If you have used batteries like AA, AAA, C, D and nine-volt batteries, they contain large amounts of mercury and will need to be recycled.

Step 4: Trash regular post-1997 batteries

Household batteries manufactured after 1997 (except for button cell batteries, which contain a little bit of mercury), and are less hazardous to the environment and can be thrown away with the regular trash. Perhaps you should consider using rechargeable batteries instead.

Batteries Plus

Most locations do not charge a fee but depends on type of batteries and weight. Call to verify.

Layton
852 W. Hillfield Road
Layton, Utah 84041
801-544-7111

Salt Lake City
293 East 3300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115
801-461-4988

Sandy
69 West 10600 South
Sandy, Utah 84070

801-816-9090

Orem
388 W. University Parkway
Orem, Utah 84058
801-764-0444

Washington
1055 West Red Cliffs Drive, Suite E
Washington, Utah 84780
435-627-9933

Cafe Expresso

Most locations do not charge a fee but depends on type of batteries and weight. Call to verify.

902 S 1100 E
Salt Lake City, Utah 84105
801- 322-2077

3815 Highland Dr
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106
801-424-0272

1663 W 7000 S
West Jordan, Utah 84084
801-569-2822

602 E 2100 S
Salt Lake City, Utah 84106
801-466-6616