

RECYCLE BATTERIES SAFELY

Household batteries must be taken to a Streets Division drop-off site to be recycled. Follow the steps below to do it right.

TAPE LITHIUM, NICKEL, & OTHER BATTERIES

Use clear tape to cover the ends of lithium and nickel batteries. Packing tape works best. Be sure to tape the ends (or other metal contact points) of all household batteries more than 12 volts.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU HAVE A LITHIUM BATTERY

There are three easy ways to tell if you have a lithium battery that needs to be taped:

1. The word "Lithium" is written on the battery.
2. The phrase "LI-ION" is written on the battery.
3. It looks like a small silver button and likely powered a watch or hearing aid.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU HAVE A NICKEL BATTERY

Check the labels. Batteries with nickel have "NiCD" or "NIMH" written on them. They are rechargeable batteries often found in cordless phones, drills, and other rechargeable devices.

RECYCLE LEAD ACID BATTERIES

Vehicle batteries and other lead acid batteries, like those that power uninterruptible power supplies, must be recycled. They can be taken to a Streets Division drop-off site or an area scrap yard for proper recycling.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

To recycle your electronics, you must bring them to a Streets Division drop-off site or a reputable private electronics recycler. Some electronics are banned from the landfill by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and must be brought to the drop-off site or private recycler. Some of these items require an additional fee. For more information about the drop-off sites, turn to "[Drop-Off Sites](#)" on [page 19](#).

What electronics can you recycle?

Nearly everything with a plug or battery can go into the electronics area of the drop-off sites. Cameras, stereo equipment, video game systems, Christmas tree lights, extension cords, electric toothbrushes, vacuums, hair dryers, box fans, and on and on. If you have any questions about what we can accept, contact us.

Electronics Banned from the Landfill

These items *MUST* be brought to a drop-off site or a reputable private recycler for recycling.

- » Cell phones
- » Computers
 - Desktops*
 - Laptops*
 - Netbooks*
 - Tablets
- » Computer monitors (all styles)*
- » Computer peripherals
 - Mice
 - Keyboards
 - Computer speakers
 - Modems
 - Routers
 - Scanners, web cameras, external drives, etc.
- » Digital video players/recorders
- » DVD players
- » Blu-ray players
- » E-readers
- » Fax machines
- » Printers
 - Desktop printers
 - Fax/scan/copy printers
 - 3-D printers
- » Televisions*
- » VCRs

*Requires a recycling fee sticker. See [page 12](#) and [page 13](#) to learn the costs and how to purchase one.

Televisions, Monitors, Computers, and Laptops

Do not place televisions, monitors, computers, and laptops to the curb for collection. They must be taken to a drop-off site and they require a recycling fee. Turn to [page 13](#) for the recycling fee information and turn to [page 19](#) for more information about the drop-off sites.

If these items are set to the curb, they will be removed by Streets Division staff. The property owner will be assessed the recycling fee plus an administrative fee for each item collected that had been set out contrary to this rule.