

# U.S. & CANADA BATTERY DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS



U.S. – Rechargeable Batteries					
State	Description	Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)	Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)	Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)	Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
<b>Arkansas</b>	Lead-acid batteries may not be placed in mixed municipal solid waste or disposed of except by delivery to a lead-acid battery retailer or wholesaler; collection/recycling facility; or secondary lead smelter. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Florida</b>	Manufacturers or distributors must develop, implement and manage battery collection program plans, subject to approval by the state, for consumer Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries and products powered by non-removable batteries of the same type. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		
<b>Indiana</b>	It is illegal to dispose of a lead acid battery. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Iowa</b>	All “participants in the stream of commerce” relating to Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries are individually and collectively responsible for developing and operating a recycling system subject to state approval. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		
<b>Kentucky</b>	Lead-acid batteries may not be placed in mixed solid waste, accepted at landfills or incinerators, or abandoned in any manner other than to deliver to a retailer/wholesaler of lead-acid batteries, a permitted secondary lead smelter or a collection/recycling facility. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Louisiana</b>	No person may place knowingly and intentionally a lead acid battery in mixed solid waste, or discard or otherwise knowingly and intentionally dispose of a lead acid battery. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Maine</b>	Manufacturers of rechargeable batteries are required to establish and maintain a system for the proper collection, transportation and processing of used Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		
<b>Maryland</b>	“Marketers” are required to develop, finance and implement a management program subject to state approval for used Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries and products containing non-removable batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		



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Minnesota	Ni-Cd and SSLA battery and product manufacturers are required to implement permanent collection programs subject to state approval for batteries and products without easily removable batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mississippi	Disposal of a used lead-acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste is prohibited. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
Missouri	Retailers of lead-acid batteries shall accept in a quantity at least equal to the number of new lead-acid batteries purchased, at the point of sale, used lead-acid batteries offered by customers. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
Nebraska	Land disposal of lead-acid batteries is prohibited. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
New Hampshire	Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries or battery packs are required to identify the manufacturer name. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		
New Jersey	Manufacturers are required to develop and submit for approval by the state for comprehensive management programs for the environmentally sound collection, transportation, recycling or proper disposal of used Ni-Cd and small sealed lead batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓		
New Mexico	No person shall dispose of lead-acid batteries at any landfill or incinerator. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
New York	Battery manufacturers are responsible for developing and financing state approved plans for collecting and recycling batteries at no expense to the consumer or retailer. Non-compliance with these requirements is subject to potential civil penalties of up to five thousand dollars. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓
North Carolina	Lead-acid batteries are prohibited from placement or disposal in a landfill, incinerator, or any waste-to-energy facility. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
North Dakota	Lead-acid batteries may not be placed in municipal waste or discarded/disposed of in a landfill. Lead-acid batteries must be accepted as trade-ins for new lead-acid batteries by any person who sells lead acid batteries at retail. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			



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<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Disposal of a used lead-acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste is prohibited. Lead-acid batteries must be delivered to a lead-acid battery retailer or wholesaler; collection/recycling/or recovered material processing facility; or permitted secondary lead smelter. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>South Carolina</b>	No person shall knowingly place a used small sealed lead-acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste, discard, incinerate or otherwise dispose of a small sealed lead-acid battery. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>South Dakota</b>	No state landfill may accept lead acid batteries. Any wholesaler or retailer of lead acid batteries shall accept, on a one for one exchange basis, used lead acid batteries and shall ensure the proper handling and disposal of the batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Texas</b>	Lead acid battery disposal in mixed municipal solid waste is prohibited. Lead acid batteries must be delivered to a battery retailer or wholesaler; a secondary lead smelter; or a collection/recycling facility. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Utah</b>	All lead acid batteries shall be disposed of by delivery to a lead acid battery retailer or wholesaler, collection/recycling facility, or secondary lead smelter. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Virginia</b>	Lead acid batteries shall not be discarded in mixed municipal solid waste or disposed of except by delivery to a battery retailer or wholesaler, secondary lead smelter, or collection facility authorized under the laws of Virginia or the U.S.EPA. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>West Virginia</b>	It is unlawful to dispose of lead-acid batteries in a solid waste landfill in West Virginia. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			
<b>Wyoming</b>	Disposal of a used lead acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste is prohibited. Retailers selling lead batteries are required to accept at least the equal quantity of used batteries as those purchased. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓			



Canada – Consumer and Single-Use Batteries			
Province	Description	All Consumer Batteries (weighing less than 5 kg)	Single-Use Batteries (Alkalines, Lithium Primary, Zinc Carbon)
<b>British Columbia*</b>	Battery and product manufacturers responsible for putting consumer batteries into the British Columbia marketplace must participate in an approved plan that finances the collection, transport, sorting and recycling of those batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓
<b>Manitoba*</b>	Battery and product manufacturers responsible for putting consumer batteries into the Manitoba marketplace must participate in an approved plan that finances the collection, transport, sorting and recycling of those batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓	✓
<b>Ontario</b>	Battery and product manufacturers and those who market batteries that are responsible for putting primary batteries into the Ontario marketplace must participate in a stewardship plan approved by Waste Diversion Ontario (WDO) that financially manages the collection, transport, sorting and recycling of those batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>		✓
<b>Quebec*</b>	Battery and product manufacturers responsible for putting consumer batteries into the Quebec marketplace must participate in an approved plan that finances the collection, transport, sorting and recycling of those batteries. <a href="#">Learn more.</a>	✓ except Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)	✓

\*Call2Recycle is the provincially-sanctioned program for British Columbia, Manitoba and Quebec.