

# Batteries: Alkaline & Rechargeable

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Household hazardous waste collections occur three times annually, for details visit

[allegancounty.org/health/recycling-program](http://allegancounty.org/health/recycling-program) or contact (269) 686-4559 for an appointment.



In most communities, alkaline and zinc carbon batteries can be safely put in your household trash.



Mail back programs such as [Big Green Box](#) or [EZ on the Earth](#) or Michigan based recycler [Battery Solutions](#).

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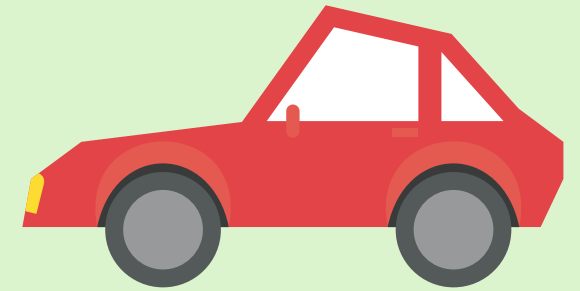
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The Home Depot Store partnered with Call2Recycle offer free recycling of rechargeable batteries, dropped off in Call2Recycle bins at the store. Any rechargeable battery that weighs up to 11 pounds and is under 300 watt hours is accepted. There's no charge for recycling.



Most Lowe's stores offer free recycling of rechargeable batteries, cell phones, CFLs and plastic shopping bags.



Most auto care retailers accept car batteries for recycling.

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Accepts car batteries  
for recycling.

Taping the exposed terminals of batteries (or bagging) can prevent the battery from rubbing against other batteries, metals or potentially flammable materials, which could result in fires, personal injury or other damage. Duct, electrical or packing tape are all good options in addition to clear bags.

All rechargeable batteries need to be protected. This includes nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, nickel zinc, lithium-ion, small sealed lead acid and any battery over 12 volts. Identify your battery [here](#).