

Battery Recycling

Always sort your batteries before you take them to be recycled. All batteries are individually labeled by type: **alkaline**, **lithium** and **rechargeable**. Place all like batteries together in a plastic bag for easy identification by the attendant at the battery recycling station.

Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries include Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), and Small Sealed Lead (Pb) batteries (weighing less than 2 lbs/1 kg per battery) found in cellular and cordless phones, cordless power tools, laptop computers, PDAs, two-way radios, camcorders and remote control toys.

Due to the hazardous nature of batteries, before you bring rechargeable batteries to be recycled, please either:

- (1) place each battery individually into a separate plastic bag, or
- (2) cover the terminals of each battery completely with plastic or non-conductive electrical tape.



Alkaline Batteries



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Alkaline batteries include standard 6-volt, 9-volt, AAA, AA, C, and D. Alkaline batteries are usually found in slow-drain devices such as flashlights, smoke detectors and remote controls.

Lithium Batteries



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Lithium batteries and "button" batteries come in many sizes and shapes and are commonly found in cameras, watches and hearing aids.

Other Guidelines for Battery Recycling:

- Do not package damaged batteries with undamaged batteries. Keep damaged batteries separate.
- Do not attempt to discharge rechargeable batteries by short-circuiting the terminals.
- If a battery appears to be dirty or has a white powdery substance around the terminal, exercise caution when handling the battery. Always wash your hands with soap and water after handling.
- Do not heat, incinerate, crush, puncture, short-circuit or mutilate batteries.

For questions, call the City of Davis Public Works Department Recycling Program at 757-5686, or see www.davisrecycling.org.