

HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES

All batteries, including single-use and rechargeables, are **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** and should NOT be placed in the garbage or recycling (Blue Bin).

Doing so can:

- be dangerous and damage equipment (e.g. batteries can start fires)
- have negative effects on our environment
- be harmful to humans and animals

Prepare Batteries for Safe Disposal:

- Place used batteries back in their original packaging, or;
- Cover the positive (+) or charging terminals with clear packing, duct or electrical tapes (avoid covering battery label), or;
- Place in a clear plastic bag (wrap multiple batteries together).

Safe Storage Tips:

- Avoid placing loose batteries in drawers or containers that are metal or contain metal objects (e.g. coins, paper clips, screws)
- Store in a cool, dry place (avoid direct sunlight or extreme heat)
- Aim to drop off batteries within six months

Proper Disposal Options:

- Ask your property manager or superintendent if your building has a battery collection bin
- Take to a Drop-Off Depot that accepts HHW
- Take to a Community Environment Day
- Take to retailers that collect batteries

