

## OTHER MERCURY CONTAINING ITEMS

There are other household items that contain mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats, that should be disposed of properly.

Listed below are several website links that provide more information about proper household battery management.

[www.njhazwaste.com](http://www.njhazwaste.com)

[www.nema.org/gov/  
env\\_conscious\\_design/drybat/](http://www.nema.org/gov/env_conscious_design/drybat/)

[www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org)

[www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/  
materials/battery.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/materials/battery.htm)

To find the nearest retail location to recycle your rechargeable batteries visit [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org).

To find a county/municipal drop off for rechargeable batteries or learn how to properly dispose of your button cell batteries, contact your County listed below:

County	Phone
Atlantic	609-272-6950
Bergen	201-807-8696
Burlington	609-499-5200
Camden	856-858-5241
Cape May	609-465-9026
Cumberland	856-825-3700
Essex	973-857-2350
Gloucester	856-478-6045
Hudson	800-540-0987
Hunterdon	908-788-1110
Mercer	609-278-8086
Middlesex	732-745-4170
Monmouth	732-922-2234
Morris	973-829-8006
Ocean	732-506-5047
Passaic	973-305-5738
Salem	856-935-7900
Somerset	908-231-7681
Sussex	973-579-6998
Union	908-654-9890
Warren	908-453-2174

# Homeowners Guide to Proper Household Battery Management



*If it's  
Rechargeable,  
it's Recyclable*



Many New Jersey Counties have been collecting household batteries for recycling and proper disposal since the early 1990s. Due to regulatory changes and less hazardous battery compositions, collection practices may change.

***IF IT'S RECHARGEABLE,  
IT'S RECYCLABLE.***

Since the New Jersey Dry Cell Battery Management Act was adopted in 1991 and the Federal Mercury-Containing and Rechargeable Battery Management Act was adopted in 1996, household battery manufacturers have begun manufacturing alkaline batteries with no added mercury and have reduced the amount of mercury added to other batteries. **Alkaline batteries now fall below Federal and State hazardous waste standards and can be disposed of in the regular trash.**



## WHAT TYPES OF BATTERIES SHOULD I RECYCLE?

Recycle all Rechargeable Batteries.

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)
- Small Sealed Lead-less than 11 lbs (Pb)



Rechargeable batteries can be found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, two-way radios, camcorders, and remote control toys. Rechargeable batteries sometimes look like regular alkaline batteries. The label on the battery will indicate if it is rechargeable. If it says "Alkaline", dispose of it in the regular trash.



## WHAT ABOUT BUTTON CELL BATTERIES?

Most button cell batteries still contain mercury. These batteries can be brought to your County's Household Hazardous Waste events.

## WHERE CAN I BRING MY RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING?

Rechargeable batteries CAN be recycled at participating retail locations including the following: Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless.

To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org) or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Some counties have drop-off sites for rechargeable batteries or accept them at Household Hazardous Waste events. Remember, batteries must be properly prepared before drop off. See the back of the brochure for the phone number of your County Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator, or visit the Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinator's website at [www.njhazwaste.com](http://www.njhazwaste.com) for more information.

## PREPARING HAZARDOUS (NON-ALKALINE) BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING

New Federal regulations have been enacted to prevent short circuiting of batteries during transport. **Residents must individually bag each battery or tape each of the terminal end prior to recycling.**