

Lake Forest Battery Recycling Program

*In partnership with **Call2Recycle***

DROP OFF LOCATION at Compost Center



Batteries power the modern world, whether it's your cellphone, tablet, power tool or digital camera.



When batteries lose their charge or ability to recharge,
it's time to recycle them.

Lake Forest accepts rechargeable batteries each weighing less than 11lbs (5kgs)

Accepted Rechargeable Batteries



Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)



Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)



Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)



Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb)



Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)

Lake Forest accepts primary batteries each weighing less than 11lbs (5kgs)*

Accepted Primary (Single-Use) Batteries



**Alkaline: AA, AAA, 6V,
9V, C, D, button cells**



Lithium Primary

Lake Forest will NOT accept these batteries:

- Batteries weighing more the 11lbs (5kgs)
- Wet cell batteries (composed of a liquid), such as car or boat batteries
- Lithium Ion rechargeable batteries over 300 watt hours
- Lithium primary batteries with over 25 grams of lithium content

Watch for Lithium Ion or Lithium batteries that show signs of damage such as swelling, smoking, leaking or overheating.



Do NOT place damaged Lithium Ion or Lithium primary batteries in a collection box. Immediately put them in an absorbent, non-flammable material (sand or cat litter) in a cool, dry area.

You must prepare batteries for shipment according to U.S. DOT guidelines

- Bagging is the quickest and easiest way to protect battery terminals
- Use any of the following bags below, use **ONE** bag per Rechargeable or Lithium battery
- Alkaline batteries can be placed in one bag together



Clear Ziploc® bags



Clear produce bags
(should be tied to seal)

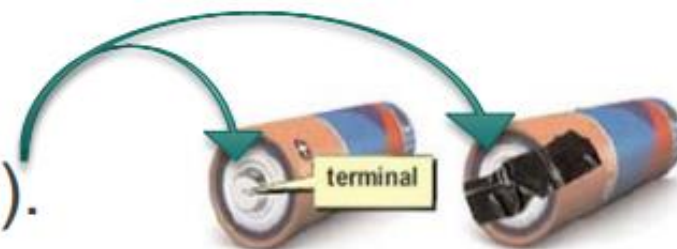


Clear newspaper bags
(should be tied to seal)

When clear plastic bags are not available, you can tape each battery.

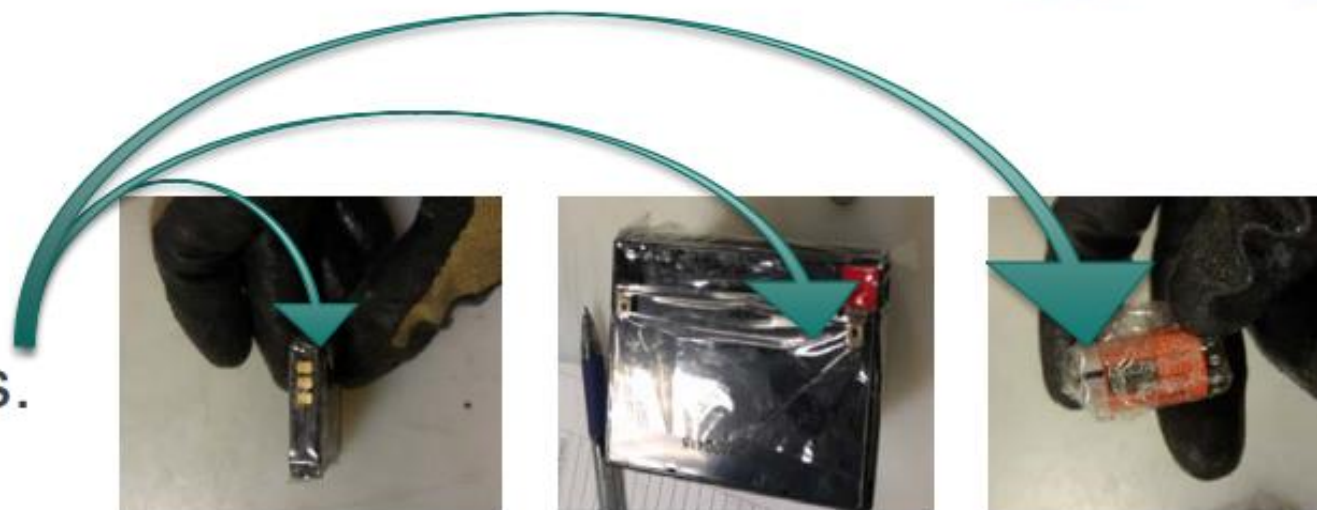
AA, AAA, C & D batteries

Tape the positive (+) terminal (the one with the bump).



Other battery types

Tape the charging terminals.



You can use these types of tape (clear preferred):



Clear packing tape



Duct tape



**Non-conductive
electrical tape**

Only tape the terminals, DO NOT cover the entire battery or the chemistry type on battery label.

For button batteries, you can make a 'ravioli'

1. Lay down a piece of CLEAR packing tape, sticky side up.
2. Place the button batteries on the tape *with space between* each battery.
3. Cover with a second layer of CLEAR tape.

CLEAR packing tape helps the sorter identify the battery type quickly.



Do NOT use any of the following to protect battery terminals



Colored bags



Grocery bags



Paper bags



Paraffin or other dipping products



Painter's tape



Masking tape



Scotch tape

What you need to know about cellphones

Lake Forest accepts:

- All cellphones, with or without batteries.
- All cellphones should be bagged before drop off



We do NOT accept cellphone accessories, such as chargers.

Recycle Safely Lake Forest!

Thank you for your
commitment to
protecting the
environment through
safe battery recycling

