

OTHER ITEMS CONTAINING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

There are other household items that contain mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs, thermometers, and thermostats, that should be properly disposed. Mercury containing items can be brought to our Consumer Electronics Drop-off Program or Household Hazardous Waste events.

Sealed lead acid batteries (car batteries over 11 lbs.) can also be recycled. These can be brought to our Household Hazardous Waste events.

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

www.njhazwaste.com

[www.nema.org/gov/
env_conscious_design/drybat/](http://www.nema.org/gov/env_conscious_design/drybat/)

www.rbrc.org

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



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To find the nearest retail location to recycle your rechargeable batteries visit www.call2recycle.org

To find a drop off for rechargeable and button cell batteries, or from more information about our other programs, visit our website at [www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/
solidwaste.asp](http://www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp)

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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 will now change for Middlesex County residents.

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.

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 Acid (Pb) under 11 lbs



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 Middlesex County's Household Hazardous Waste events and our household battery drop-off sites.

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, Lowe's, Home Depot, Sears, Wal-Mart and Verizon Wireless.

To find a retail collection site use the collection site locator at www.call2recycle.org or call the consumer helpline, 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

Middlesex County has drop-off sites for rechargeable batteries and we also accept them at Household Hazardous Waste events. Residents can visit our website at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/planningboard/solidwaste.asp to find the nearest location.

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 terminal end prior to recycling.**