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# BEST PRACTICES – DEAD BATTERY STORAGE

Lithium batteries are **dangerous and deadly** if not disposed of properly.



- To store dead lithium batteries, **store them in a non-metal container in a cool, dry place** until you can properly dispose of them.



- **Never put loose batteries in a drawer or area where they may come into contact with common metal items** such as paper clips or staples.



- **Battery terminals (ends) rubbing against one another can cause a spark, and it is recommended to either:**
  - Tape the terminals of used batteries with electrical tape;
  - OR place each battery in separate plastic bags.



Consumers can use the following resources for disposal practices:

- [call2recycle.org](https://www.call2recycle.org) offers guidance on how and where to recycle products
- [search.earth911.com](https://www.search.earth911.com) offers shipping options and community locations
- Contact your local government or hardware store(s) for best local options