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PROPER DISPOSAL OF LITHIUM BATTERIES



- **Lithium batteries are deadly if not disposed of properly.**
- **Lithium batteries cannot be processed through normal waste streams** and should never be placed inside regular waste or recycling containers.
- While lithium batteries have valuable components that can be repurposed, **they cannot be recycled like paper, plastic or glass materials.**
- **These batteries pose a risk of a fire throughout the waste disposal process**, including during waste truck transportation to recycling facilities and landfills.
- **Lithium batteries should only be disposed of only at facilities qualified to accept them.**



Consumers can use the following current disposal practices:

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