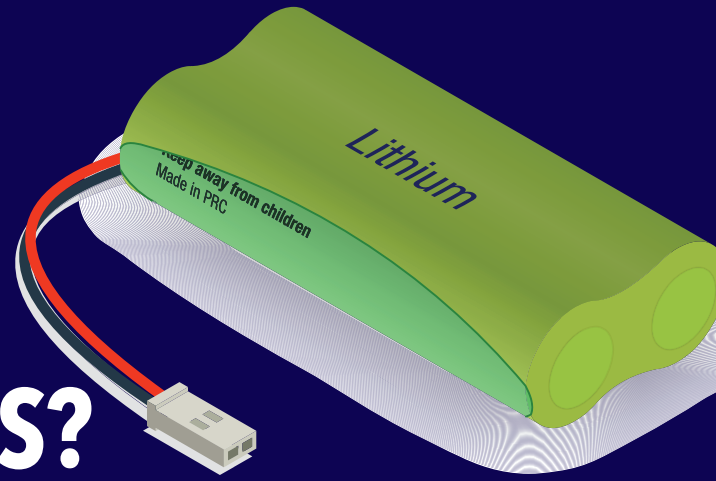




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## LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

# WHAT ARE LITHIUM BATTERIES?

There are two types of “lithium” batteries, with **lithium-primary batteries not being rechargeable** and **lithium-ion batteries being rechargeable**.

**Poor storage & disposal practices can be deadly.**



**These batteries are common and found in cordless electronic or rechargeable devices including:**

- Laptops, tablets and mobile devices
- Electric batteries for cars, scooters and bicycles
- Handheld games, controllers, headphones
- Medical equipment such as pacemakers, defibrillators and similar devices
- Cordless power tools – drills, saws, lawn mowers



**For safety reasons, it is important consumers:**

- Do not throw devices containing lithium batteries into regular trash or recycling containers
- Identify acceptable disposal options

**Improper disposal and storage of these batteries can cause extensive damage.** Consumers can use the following resources for current best 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**