## What are lithium-ion batteries?











Lithium-ion batteries are rechargeable and last longer without losing effectiveness.

They power everyday items such as cameras, power tools, scooters and even electric toothbrushes.

Recycle your lithium-ion batteries properly! Find your nearest drop-off locations at **call2recycle.org** and **earth911.com**, or contact your local hazardous waste facility.



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Portable electronics like cameras



Electric power tools and lawn equipment



Personal care devices including electric toothbrushes



Electric scooters and e-bikes

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National Waste & Recycling Association services

Collect. Recycle. Innovate.

## Store Lithium-ion Batteries Properly





#### **Keep It Cool**

Store at room temperature (68°F) and stay away from high heat (greater than 90°F)



## Stay Dry

Put in dry environments to avoid corrosion and moisture



#### Half the Charge

Keep at 50% charge for long-term storage and never store in a charging station

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## Stay Safe: Manage lithium-ion batteries properly



## Improper handling results in:



## Fire and explosion risk

Punctured or damaged batteries can ignite



### **Swelling**

Batteries may expand if kept fully charged or at high temperatures



### Poor Performance

Quick loss of charge and shorter lifespan

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# How you can properly recycle lithium-ion batteries



#### **Ban from Bins**

Keep lithium-ion batteries out of curbside trash and recycling. Batteries can be damaged during collection and spark fires that put waste workers and communities at risk.



#### **Direct Drop-offs**

Take lithium-ion batteries to retailers that offer recycling services, visit <u>call2recycle.org/locator</u>, or contact your local waste hauler for drop-off locations.



#### **Tape for Transport**

Cover all battery terminals with duct tape to prevent fires in transit.

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## What can happen when lithium-ion batteries are disposed in your trash or recycling?



Purchase of a lithium-ion battery

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Disposal in trash or recycling

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Fires on trucks and in facilities



- Service disruption and delays
- Increased costs
- Damage and harm

You can prevent fires by responsibly managing your lithium-ion batteries. Learn how at <u>call2recycle.org</u> or <u>earth911.com</u>.

