

# LITHIUM BATTERY DISPOSAL

## THE ISSUE

Lithium batteries are used to charge nearly every cordless electronic device, **but improper storage or disposal of these batteries can destroy property and endanger lives.**



**Products that rely on lithium batteries for power has grown exponentially in recent years.**

- Manufacturers have not yet resolved how to safely dispose of these batteries at the end of their useful life.
- Consumers need to be aware of the hazards these batteries pose and **how to properly dispose of them to avoid dangerous and fatal situations.**



When a lithium battery is subjected to high temperatures, damaged or improperly disposed of, **a reaction can occur within the battery resulting in a life threatening fire.**

- Even “dead” batteries pose a fire threat as they contain components that can quickly combust.



**The improper disposal of lithium batteries has increased the frequency of fires on waste trucks and at recycling centers across the country, resulting in fatalities, injuries and millions of dollars in physical damage.**

**Improper lithium battery disposal results in explosions** due to batteries overheating, getting punctured or being crushed during the disposal process, causing death and injury.



The following will help identify disposal options for products containing lithium batteries:

- [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org)
- [search.earth911.com](http://search.earth911.com)
- **Or contact your local government for best options**