

Do you wonder what to do with your used batteries?

Do you know they can be recycled?



Why recycle batteries?

The UK throws away 600 million household batteries every year.

At present only one third are collected and recycled with the remaining batteries being sent to landfill as general waste. These will eventually break down and the dangerous chemicals may leach out resulting in soil and water pollution, in turn causing damage to our natural ecosystems and wildlife.

The materials held within the batteries can be recovered and reused. This will reduce the demand for raw materials required each year and help preserve resources.

As some of the materials are heavy metals such as lead and mercury, it is important that they do not end up in the waste stream.



Recycling made easy!

To make battery recycling easier for all, collection containers are available throughout the UK.

Keep an eye out for them in a variety of locations, including your workplace, shops, libraries, schools and your local household waste and recycling centre.



Look out for battery collection points near you



Guide to household batteries

Battery type	Description	Formats	Common uses
Alkaline and carbon zinc batteries	Small dry-cell batteries, sealed, non-rechargeable. Carbon Zinc batteries are labelled general purpose or heavy duty.	AA, AAA, D-cell, C-cell, 9-volt, button cells.	Cameras, toys, watches, handheld electronics.
Lead acid gel batteries	Small-medium, dry-cell batteries, sealed, rechargeable.	Rectangular, custom sizes in hard plastic case.	Wheel chairs, scooters, golf carts, ride on electric toys, boats, portable tools and instruments.
Lithium (primary) batteries	Small dry-cell batteries, sealed, non-rechargeable.	Button cells, AA, AAA, 9-volt, small-cylinder, custom sizes.	Watches, cameras, hand held electronics, tyre pressure sensors, alarms, memory backup, remote car locks, pacemakers, high temperature applications.
Lithium-ion (li-ion) batteries	Small dry-cell batteries, sealed, rechargeable.	Custom sizes in hard plastic case, small-cylinder, button cells.	Mobile phones, laptops, power tools, video cameras, hand held electronics.

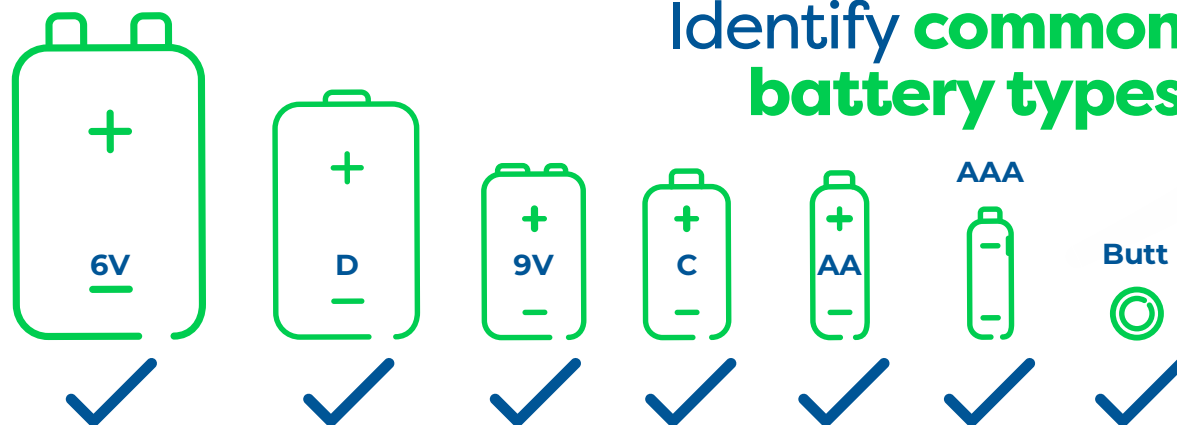
If you require further information about battery recycling or recycling in general, please contact any of the following:

Visit [recycle-more.co.uk](https://www.recycle-more.co.uk)

Contact **your local authority**

Visit **your local household waste and recycling centre**

Visit **local battery retailers.**



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