

## Recycling batteries protects the environment

Recycling protects the environment by keeping heavy metals out of our air, land and water. Recycling also conserves resources because the metals recovered from batteries are used to make new products.



## Types of batteries



Button batteries

Alkaline batteries

Rechargeable batteries

## Three easy steps to recycle your batteries:

### 1. Gather your batteries

Many products we use every day have batteries. Remember that anything that makes sounds, lights up or turns on without being plugged in contains a battery.

Common products that contain batteries include:

- Calculators
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- Cell phones and cordless phones
- Cordless shavers and groomers
- Electric toothbrushes
- Electronic games
- Fire and smoke detectors
- Flashlights and lanterns
- Garage door openers
- Hearing aids
- Laptop computers
- Power tools
- Radios
- Remote controls
- Remote control toys
- Solar-powered lights
- Musical greeting cards
- Toys
- Watches



### 2. Prepare your batteries

- Remove the batteries from the device. If you cannot remove the battery, bring in the entire device.
- Place clear tape over terminals or place each battery in its own plastic bag to prevent short-circuiting. Doing so helps keep our roads safe as loose batteries may leak or catch fire during transportation.



### 3. Recycle your batteries

Hennepin County accepts all types of batteries from households at the following locations:

- Household battery drop-off containers at libraries, city halls, community centers and other sites throughout the county. Visit [www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling](http://www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling) to find a drop-off location near you.
- County drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington. Visit [www.hennepin.us/dropoffs](http://www.hennepin.us/dropoffs) for more information.



Battery recycling locations continued...