

Portland Curbsider

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NEW!

Recycle batteries with glass



Small household batteries can now be recycled in your glass bin. For safety, they must be taped and bagged.

Batteries can spark and cause fires

Battery-caused fires in garbage trucks and waste processing facilities have increased 40% over the past five years. These fires put workers' lives in danger and can cost millions of dollars in damage. To prevent fires, batteries must be collected separately, and the batteries most likely to cause fires must be taped.

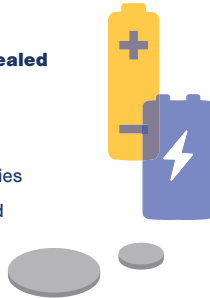


NEVER put batteries in **trash** or the **mixed recycling**

How to recycle batteries at the curb

YES

- Any battery that can fit into a sealed 1-quart plastic bag, including:
 - AAA, AA, C, D, button-cell, coin, 6 and 9-volt batteries
 - Rechargeable and single-use batteries
 - Batteries that can be easily removed (old cell phones, cameras, etc.)



NO

- Batteries that do not fit in a sealed 1-quart plastic bag
- Damaged, corroded, or bulging batteries
- Items with embedded batteries: Cell phones, fitness bands, wireless devices, electric toothbrushes, etc.
- Vape pens and e-cigarettes



1. TAPE

Any battery **not labeled alkaline** must have both ends taped with clear tape. Clear tape allows recycling companies to see the battery type and recycle it safely.

Can't tell what type of battery it is? When in doubt, tape it.

For button and coin-shaped batteries, wrap tape around the entire battery or sandwich multiple batteries between two layers of tape (leave space between each battery).



2. BAG

Place batteries in a **1-quart**, clear, zip-sealed plastic bag.



3. BIN

Put the bag in your glass bin, on top of the glass so the driver will see it.



Where to take other batteries

Call 503-234-3000 or search www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler to find drop-off options near you.