

Responsible battery recycling

A QUICK GUIDE



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Batteries power many of the devices we use every day, but when they reach the end of their life they can be harmful to the environment and present safety hazards if disposed of incorrectly.

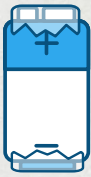
That's why Coles is making it easy for you to recycle your used household batteries safely in-store.

How to safely prepare batteries for recycling

Apply non-conductive tape (like sticky tape or electrical tape) over battery terminals before dropping them off. This helps prevent short-circuits and fire risks.



REGULAR
BATTERIES
D, C, AA,
AAA, AAAA



9-VOLT
BATTERIES



RECHARGEABLE
BATTERIES



REMOVEABLE
BATTERIES



BUTTON
BATTERIES

How to store batteries until ready for drop-off

If you aren't ready to drop your batteries off for recycling immediately, make sure to store them safely with the following tips:



TAPE TERMINALS

Put sticky tape over the battery terminals before storing or disposing of them.



STORE IN GLASS

Store batteries in a clearly labelled glass container. Do not use air-tight containers as pressure can build up.



AVOID METAL

Don't store batteries in a metal container, or with metal objects, as they can spark and create a fire.



KEEP COOL

Keep batteries in a cool, dry place, away from heat sources like stoves.



KEEP KIDS SAFE

Keep batteries away from children, especially small batteries that can be swallowed, like button batteries.

Drop them off at Coles

Coles accepts a wide range of household batteries including AA, AAA, C, D, rectangular 6V and 9V, and button batteries, but not larger or specific types like mobile, laptop, or lead acid batteries. Just bring your used batteries to the designated battery collection bin available in-store.*

*Availability and acceptance may vary by store. Check with your local Coles for collection bin location, accepted battery types and quantity/condition limits.

Why battery recycling matters

Batteries should never be disposed of in your household or co-mingled recycling bin! Rechargeable and lithium-ion batteries can spark fires in collection trucks or processing facilities, making them dangerous to workers and recycling/waste infrastructure.



Batteries also contain valuable but potentially harmful materials like lithium, cadmium, nickel, and lead that can damage the environment if not properly recycled.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Coles partners with B-cycle, Australia's national battery recycling program, to facilitate the collection and onward processing of used batteries.

Specialised recyclers, including processors like EcoBatt, recover valuable materials from batteries, helping to reduce waste and support circular manufacturing.