

BATTERY RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS

»» Overview

Thank you for agreeing to support battery collection in your area. This is an important initiative to reduce hazardous waste that often goes to landfill, and to help the University of Waterloo build a culture of sustainability and waste reduction.

The Safety Office at the University of Waterloo has established a partnership with Call2Recycle, a Canadian company that responsibly collects and recycles the toxic chemicals from batteries. Several stations are available across campus to collect batteries, including yours!

»» What Can Be Collected?

Most types of batteries can be collected through the drop-off bins across campus. Please be aware of the following instructions for properly collecting batteries:

1. Lithium, lithium-ion, and small sealed lead acid (SSLA/Pb) batteries should have their terminals sealed or be bagged to avoid hazards.
2. All alkaline batteries (most AA, AAA, D, C batteries) can be deposited as-is.

If your area has a Call2Recycle box, both 1 and 2 can be deposited in the box. If your area has a standalone recycling station, these are separated into two streams, with labels to show the appropriate use.

Please note that any batteries that are leaking, dented, or are powdery should not be collected.