

RESIDENTIAL BATTERY RECYCLING



Niles residents may drop off batteries for recycling at Niles Public Works located at 6849 W Touhy Avenue (Monday - Friday 7am to 3:30pm)

For additional drop off sites, go to call2recycle.com/locator for more information. In Niles, locations that provide battery drop-off services include Home Depot, Milwaukee Factory Service Centers, and uBreakiFix.

Single-use Alkaline and Lithium batteries AAA, AA, C, D 6v & 9v are classified as "non-hazardous" and **may be safely disposed of with normal household waste**. Lithium batteries should be placed individually in a plastic zip baggie, wrapped in plastic film or tape placed at the terminal end (duct or electrical tape) before recycling or disposing in the garbage to eliminate the risk of sparking a fire. Because alkaline and lithium single-use batteries look alike, read the label to tell them apart.

Single-Use Alkaline Batteries

Single-Use Lithium Batteries:



Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Battery Examples:



Rechargeable Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), and Lithium-Ion batteries contain mercury and other heavy metals and according to the IEPA, and **should be recycled**. These batteries are found in cordless electronics like power tools, laptop and tablet computers, cell and cordless phones, as well as some toys, power banks, home security alarms, cordless vacuums, toothbrushes, and other devices that are plugged in an outlet to recharge the battery. Usually, these batteries are embedded in a product and residents should never try to remove them. These can be recycled at:

Abt Electronics
Goodwill
Best Buy
And other locations

Watch for lithium or lithium ion batteries that show signs of swelling, smoking, leaking or overheating. **Immediately put them in an absorbent, non-flammable material, such as sand or cat litter, in a cool, dry area.** Take to a Household Hazardous Waste facility or purchase a special container from Call2Recycle. Damaged batteries should not be put in the garbage or a recycling cart!

Best Practices for Household Batteries

- Do not to dispose of lithium chemistry batteries in the trash without putting individual batteries in a plastic zip lock baggie, wrapped in plastic film or tape the terminal end with electrical or duct tape.
- Never put household batteries in the curbside recycling cart.
- Additional Battery Recycling Information:
www.call2recycle.org/locator or <https://www.swancc.org/batteries>