BE A BATTERY Put batteries in their place. Batteries thrown in the trash or recycling can get punctured or crushed and cause fires at waste facilities.

Where do batteries hide?

If it lights up, makes noise or moves without a plug, it has a battery. Batteries can cause fires when they end up in the trash or recycling cart. Knowing where to find batteries is the first step in proper battery disposal. Don't let batteries get past you.

Button

Button batteries cannot be recharged and must be disposed of once they lose their charge. They can be found in flashlights, clocks and watches, smoke detectors, and many other household electronics.



Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd)

Can be recharged up to 1,000 times and contain cadmium, which can be toxic to the environment. They can be found in power tools, garden path lights and remote controlled cars.



Lithium-ion (Li-ion)

Has excellent performance in high drain devices. They can be found in power tools, cellphones, laptops, portable chargers and toys.



Nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH)

Performs well in high drain devices and can be recharged up to 1,000 times. They can be found in power tools, two-way radios, digital cameras and cordless phones.



Other

Small sealed and lead acid batteries (SSLA/Pb) are two other types of batteries that should be properly disposed of. They can be found in emergency devices, ride-on toys, security systems and mobility scooters.



Be a battery hero and bring all used batteries to a drop-off location near you.

For more information and to find a drop-off location visit:

co.washington.mn.us/batteries | hennepin.us/batteryrecycling | ramseycounty.us/HHW





