

Agency Battery Recycling

3 Types of batteries to recycle:

LEAD ACID BATTERIES

- Examples include:
 - car or truck batteries
 - heavy black block batteries used in Uninterrupted Power Sources (UPS) and fixed emergency lights with small tabs for connecting terminals
- Whether sealed or unsealed, they have value as scrap lead
- All auto and truck batteries from vehicles serviced by State-managed garages should be returned for credit with the purchase of new batteries from the auto parts supply contract
- In the Harrisburg area, DGS will collect lead batteries and recycle them
- Outside of Harrisburg, please call three local scrap yards to ascertain the best price for lead batteries and deliver them to the place offering the best price. Please have the payment check made out to the Commonwealth of PA and send it to: PA Dept. of General Services, State Surplus Property, 2221 Forster Street, Room G-47, Harrisburg, PA 17103.

RE-CHARGEABLE BATTERIES:

- Nickel-Cadmium and Lithium-ion
- Examples include: batteries from laptop computers and power tools
- “Call2Recycle” program offers free-of-charge recycling
 - Call 877-723-1297 to sign up and receive box(s)
 - Please provide your agency's full name prefaced with “PA” (as in, PA Dept. of General Services)
 - You will receive a heavy-duty box, about 2/3 the size of a copier paper box, and some small plastic pouches.
 - Put each battery into a plastic pouch and neatly pack into the box until full
 - Using the pre-taped edges of the box flaps to seal the pre-labeled box
 - Mail via UPS
- Recycling Office also has boxes for agency locations, or can send your batteries for you

ALKALINE BATTERIES

- Regular flashlight/remote control batteries. These are not hazardous waste and can be disposed of with everyday trash.
- In Harrisburg, please call the Recycling Office at 717-772-2300 to provide a container and arrange pickup
- Outside of Harrisburg, if you collect batteries, be prepared to pay to have them recycled. The Recycling Office can assist in finding a vendor.
- Please note: no personal use batteries from home; only from Commonwealth use.