



Updated Battery Recycling Policy

Lead Acid Batteries:

Lead Acid (Pb) batteries from cars, tractors, four wheelers, and motorbikes are accepted at both locations. Lead Acid batteries can be recycled at the Cle Elum Transfer Station and at the Kittitas County Solid Waste Office. The battery pallets must be checked daily by the HHW Coordinator or the Scale House Attendant in Cle Elum to ensure that only lead acid batteries are on the pallets. The pallets are to stay neat and clean to ensure that batteries are not falling off the pallet. A cardboard liner must be placed between each layer of batteries. The pallet cannot be more than 3 layers high. Once the pallet is full it will need to be shrink wrapped then contact the HHW Coordinator to schedule a pickup.

Single-Use, Rechargeable and Cell Phones or Mixed Batteries:

Single-use batteries, rechargeable batteries and cellphones are defined as: Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn), Lithium Primary, Alkaline, Carbon Zinc, button and coin cell batteries, and all cellphones are accepted regardless of size, make, model or age. Individual batteries must be no larger than 300Wh and 13 lbs. If unsure of the size of the battery, ask the HHW Coordinator for assistance. Sorting of batteries is not required. At least once a week empty all the collected batteries into the OneDrum. Following the filling instructions of the OneDrum program. Damaged, Defective and Recalled batteries **ARE NOT ALLOWED** with the OneDrum program. See the next section for guidance on Damaged, Defective and Recalled batteries. If a resident has a battery that is not accepted,

please refer them to Battery Recyclers of America at 1-866-399-4322 for assistance on finding proper disposal options.

Damaged, Defective and Recalled (DDR) Batteries:

DDR batteries are defined as follows: A battery that is swollen, corroded, leaking or showing burn marks is considered damaged and hazardous to the public. Devices with damaged batteries often show swelling, corrosion or other physical damage in the area where the battery is located. Defective batteries are those that affect the performance of a device, such as unexpected shutdowns. Defective batteries may not display any visible changes but have been identified by the manufacturer as not performing as expected. Recalled batteries are classified by model, serial number, batch or lot. Manufacturers recall batteries that do not perform as expected and may present a safety hazard. Recalled batteries may not display any visible damage.

DDR batteries pose an increased risk of thermal runaway that can lead to fire or explosion. Great care must be taken when handling them. Once a DDR battery is received it must immediately be individually bagged and placed in the DDR drum. Follow all filling instructions on the DDR drum. DDR batteries larger than 13 lbs. **ARE NOT ALLOWED.** If a customer has a DDR battery larger than 13lbs. direct them to contact the battery manufacturer for proper disposal. If you are uncertain if the battery is DDR, please ask the HHW Coordinator for assistance.

Electric Vehicle (EV) and Hybrid Vehicle Batteries

Due to the high cost and increased risks associated with properly disposing of EV and Hybrid vehicle batteries the County **DOES NOT** accept any battery that comes out of an EV or Hybrid vehicle. Direct all customers enquiring about EV and Hybrid battery disposal to contact the vehicle manufacturer.