



# SAFELY RECYCLE BATTERIES WITH KITTITAS COUNTY SOLID WASTE PROGRAMS

**Batteries stored together and not properly packaged could explode or catch fire during storage and/or transportation.**

To safely store and transport batteries they need to be separated into 2 categories, **Terminal Protected** and **Unprotected**. Many batteries look alike but can be made using different chemistries. Below are some helpful hints to help you identify your batteries and how to package them for everyone's safety.

RECHARGEABLE	LITHIUM PRIMARY	BUTTON/COIN
<p>Just as the name states ANY RECHARGEABLE battery (Lithium-ion (Li-ion), Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd) Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH). Rechargeable batteries can be AAA, AA, C, D, Cordless phone, Walkie Talkie, Cellphone, Laptop Computer, Cordless Power Equipment, etc.</p>	<p>These batteries are not rechargeable but are always marked LITHIUM (Li). Lithium Primary batteries can be AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, and are used in many Digital Cameras.</p>	<p>These Batteries are found in watches, hearing aids, key fobs, along with many other items. The best way we have found to protect the terminals is to place them between clear packing tape</p>



*Unsure of the type of battery you are dealing with? When in doubt just Bag it or Tape it for your safety.*

**LEARN HOW TO PROTECT TERMINALS BY VISITING:**  
<https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/solid-waste/battery-recycling.aspx>

