



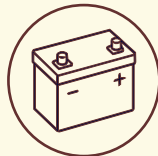
DROP OFF YOUR BATTERIES AT A MUNICIPAL COLLECTION BOX



BATTERIES ACCEPTED

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES (UNDER 5 KG)

- ✓ Lithium-ion (Li-ion)
- ✓ Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- ✓ Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- ✓ Sealed Lead Acid (SLA/Pb)
- ✓ Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)



SINGLE-USE BATTERIES (UNDER 5 KG)



AA



AAA



C



D



9V



Button batteries



Alkaline and primary batteries



- ✓ Cordless tool batteries
- ✓ Small electronic devices that fit in the collection box

If you are unsure whether a battery is accepted, ask municipal staff before placing it in the collection box.



FIRE SAFETY



Keep a working fire extinguisher and smoke detector nearby.



In case of smoke or fire,
call 911 immediately.

Questions?
Contact your municipal office.

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BATTERIES POSE A FIRE RISK

Even Used Batteries Can Be Dangerous

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A BATTERY THAT IS IMPROPERLY HANDLED CAN CAUSE A FIRE

Even when discharged, a battery still contains energy. If its terminals come into contact with metal or other batteries, a short circuit can occur, creating heat and sparks.

NEVER DISPOSE OF BATTERIES:



In household garbage



In the blue recycling bin



Loose with other batteries

Bring them to a municipal battery collection depot.



HOW A FIRE CAN START

1

1. SHORT CIRCUIT

Battery terminals come into contact with metal or another battery.

2

2. HEAT AND SPARKS

The short circuit generates intense heat.

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3. FIRE HAZARD

The sparks can ignite nearby combustible materials.



FOLLOW THESE SAFETY STEPS

1

COVER THE TERMINALS WITH TAPE

Use non-conductive adhesive tape and cover only the battery terminals.



Acceptable Tape

- ✓ Electrical tape
- ✓ Clear packing tape
- ✓ Duct tape



Not Recommended

- ✗ Painter's tape or masking tape
- ✗ Foam tape
- ✗ Plastic grocery bags, colored bags, or paper bags

2

PLACE BUTTON BATTERIES IN INDIVIDUAL BAGS

Put each button battery in a small individual bag. Or use the "ravioli" method with clear packing tape.



3

KEEP DAMAGED BATTERIES SEPARATE

If a battery is swollen, punctured, cracked, leaking, or damaged:



- ✓ Place it in a non-metallic container designated for damaged batteries.
- ✓ Keep it separate from other batteries.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES: FIRE PREVENTION

BEFORE PURCHASING

- Choose products certified by CSA, cUL, or cETL.
- Purchase from reputable manufacturers and retailers.
- Use only batteries and chargers recommended by the manufacturer.



DURING USE

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Charge batteries on a hard, stable, non-combustible surface.
- Unplug the device when charging is complete.



NEVER DO THE FOLLOWING

- ✗ Charge a device on a bed, couch, or under a pillow.
- ✗ Use a damaged battery.
- ✗ Continue using a battery that:

- is swelling;
- is overheating;
- produces an unusual odour;
- changes colour;
- shows signs of damage.

