

BATTERY RECYCLING AT U OF L



Getting your department or group started:

Types of Batteries Accepted: All types, rechargeable and non-rechargeable. Examples include- alkaline (AA, AAA, D-volt, C, D, etc), Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Nickel-Metal Hydride (NI-MH), button-cell, primary lithium, carbon-zinc, lead-acid (Pb), et al. Maximum weight for any single battery < 2lbs (1 kg).

Not acceptable (to put into local recycling box): Batteries >2lbs or 1kg each and liquid-filled batteries (i.e. car-type lead-acid) or any damaged battery. For schedule pick up of these types of batteries contact the DEHS Hazardous Waste Coordinator at 852-2956.



Step 1: Select a single location within your department to place a small battery recycle container (**max size 1 gallon or 5 lbs**). Ideal location would be the same area you have central accumulation for paper recycling or other recyclable material.

Safety Note: Used batteries are often not completely dead. Grouping large amounts of used batteries together can bring these live batteries into contact with one another, creating a risk. Your battery collection container should be placed in a location where its “fullness” can be monitored. Do not overfill! Even if not full, please have bucket emptied at the end of each semester (every 6 months).



Step 2: Select and mark your collection container. This can be a small cardboard box or plastic container. Be sure to mark on the outside of the container “Universal Waste - Batteries for Recycling”. Spent batteries should not be stored for more than 6 months. Even if container is not full, request it to be emptied.



Step 3: Announce to your department/group via e-mail that your department /group has a battery recycling container and provide its location information.



Step 4: Place batteries (do not need to be sorted) into your recycling container.



Step 5: When box is near full, or contains 5 lbs. of batteries, submit a pick-up request on-line to at <http://louisville.edu/dehs/ohs/waste-pickup>

Form Completion Note: For “Container Label number #” field entry required, please enter 123

NO BUCKET? NO PROBLEM! Drop off battery locations include: Belknap: Ekstrom Library, SGA office, and REACH; HSC Campus: Radiation Safety Office. Many Departmental offices participate, so be sure to check yours!

Questions or comments about this program can be directed to the U of L – Department of Environmental Health & Safety (DEHS) at 852-6670.