

The Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District runs a Year Round program free battery & Fluorescent tube & Circle Lamp recycling and disposal programs. Most batteries should not be put in the trash. Fluorescent tubes & Circleline& CFL (Compact Fluorescent lamps should not be put in the trash. Free recycling and disposal are available at The Towns of Adams, Cheshire, Hinsdale, Peru, Williamstown & Windsor Transfer Stations for those towns in the District to utilize. Give batteries to the transfer station attendant~ There are many different types of batteries and some contain mercury and other heavy metals. Batteries can release mercury, cadmium or other heavy metals into the air and water, ultimately entering the food chain and posing health threats to people and the environment. Please read below for disposal instructions for specific battery types.

*****All 14 member towns have access to this Free Recycling Program ***For residential use only! Commercial Recycling please call me I can connect you to the Recycling vendor.

Before recycling at your local Transfer Station at the Universal Waste Recycling Shed, Please cover the terminals with tape for proper recycling disposal, Thank you.

Rechargeable batteries are found in those electronics and appliances that can be recharged, such as iPod; cell phones; cordless phones; laptop computers; power tools; some toys; some digital cameras; and rechargeable toothbrushes, razors, flashlights, and handheld vacuum cleaners. In addition, rechargeable batteries that can be recharged with a battery recharger should also be recycled. Cell phones should also be recycled in this manner.

Alkaline batteries are the most common household batteries. They are available in many sizes and shapes such as AAA, AA, C, D and 9 volt. Alkaline batteries manufactured since 1994 do not contain mercury or other hazardous materials. District residents should bring alkaline batteries to their town's transfer station and give them to the attendant. If you would like to cut down on the number of alkaline batteries you are using, you could purchase an inexpensive battery charger and some compatible rechargeable batteries. These batteries can be used and recharged over and over again but remember to recycle them in a battery box when they cannot be charged anymore.

Carbon Zinc and **Zinc Chloride batteries** may be disposed of in the same manner as alkaline batteries; see above.

Lithium batteries are used many applications but most often in cameras. The word "lithium" is printed on the battery. Be sure to check all batteries; some lithium batteries, such as the AA size or short and fat lithium batteries used in cameras, resemble alkaline batteries, but should be recycled properly with button batteries. See below.

Lithium-ion batteries are different from Lithium batteries and must be disposed of differently. See info under "Rechargeable batteries" above.

Button batteries are the small round silver batteries found in watches, clocks, calculators, hearing aids, toys, remote car locks, flameless “flicker candles,” electric fence dog collars, singing greeting cards and singing balloons. Many button batteries contain mercury; therefore, button batteries must be disposed of properly. Give button and lithium batteries to your town’s transfer station attendant.

Lead Acid batteries from cars, trucks, golf carts, motorcycles, etc. must be recycled by law and recycling programs, some for cash or credit back, are available at auto supply stores, local scrap metal recyclers, and at some transfer stations. Lead acid batteries are also accepted at household hazardous waste collections.



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Questions please call Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

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