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# STAY BATTERY SAFE

Never place batteries in your regular trash, recycling or compost containers. Even "dead" batteries can still spark fires if damaged or crushed.



Improper battery disposal can cause dangerous fires and harm people, equipment, and facilities.

**Household batteries** – including alkaline and rechargeable batteries – cannot be landfilled, recycled or composted because they contain harmful materials such as:

- Mercury
- Lead
- Cadmium
- Nickel



## SAFE BATTERY DISPOSAL



**Ensure both positive and negative terminals are covered.**

*(any tape is recommended)*



**Store batteries safely.**

- Do not let battery terminals touch metal objects (coins, keys) or other batteries.
- Store them in plastic containers or dedicated, non-conductive organizers.
- Avoid mixing different battery types.
- Store out of reach of children.



**Recycle batteries properly by dropping them off at a designated facility or HHW events.** To find the nearest location to you that accepts used batteries, please visit [batterynetwork.org/](http://batterynetwork.org/)

**Batteries Do NOT Belong in the Trash, Recycling or Compost Cart.**



**This is why batteries should never go in the trash.  
Improper disposal can cause fires in trucks and  
facilities, putting workers and communities at risk.**



### **Source Reduction Tip**

**Switch to  
rechargeable  
batteries and buy  
only what you need  
to reduce waste and  
save money.**



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[mypgc.us/clearthecurb](https://mypgc.us/clearthecurb) or contact **PGC311**.