

Standard Operating Procedure for Batteries

Batteries must be recycled.

Environmental Health & Safety accepts:

Alkaline

Lithium and Lithium Ion

Lead Acid

Nickel Cadmium

Batteries are managed as Universal Wastes. They are collected in properly labeled containers in designated areas around campus. Battery locations are checked and updated every other month. [Battery Recycling Locations](#) are found on the MGA website. Battery containers should never be moved from designated areas.

Containers must be labeled and say one of the following:
Universal Waste, Batteries, Waste Batteries, or Used Batteries.

EHS staff periodically checks containers to verify container labeling and ensure guidelines are being followed. When the containers are full or prior to one year from accumulation start date has elapsed EHS staff bring the containers back to the Plant Operations universal waste area. The batteries are shipped within one year of accumulation start date for proper management by an approved contractor.



The batteries are managed in the following manner:

Alkaline

DOT exempted the taping of terminals for alkaline batteries. The batteries may be combined and put into properly labeled containers, and containers placed in an area designated for Universal Waste. The containers are disposed of through the current hazardous waste contractor, MKC Enterprises, Inc.

Lithium Ion and Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cad)

Batteries containing nickel and lithium ion batteries need to be packaged individually with the terminals taped per MKC protocol.

Lead Acid

Lead acid batteries are recycled using MKC.



If you have any questions, contact EHS at (478) 471-2424 or ian.cummings@mga.edu