ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY FACT SHEET

USED BATTERIES

Used batteries (including button batteries) are classified as hazardous waste when improperly discarded in regular trash. Due to their toxic heavy metals and corrosive properties, they are not suitable for general disposal. At CSN campuses, used rechargeable batteries must be collected by EH&S for proper recycling or waste disposal.

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Typical Battery Uses:

Cellphones, pagers, cameras, computers, flashlights, power tools, research equipment, monitoring devices, health monitors, lanterns, alarms, emergency lights, automobiles and heavy equipment.

Types of Regulated Batteries:

- Lithium (Li)
- Lithium-Ion (Li-ion)
- Lithium Polymer (LiPo)
- Nickel/Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Mercury and Silver Oxide
- Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad)
- Lead Acid (Pb)

How to properly dispose/recycle of batteries:

- Tape each battery terminal with non-conductive tape or place them in a sealed clear plastic bag to prevent short-circuits and potential fire hazard during storage and transport
- Store in a plastic container or cardboard box, to prevent sparking, label the container "USED BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING."
- If you have a leaking or unsafe battery, please place it in a sealed plastic bag and contact EH&S to pick it up.
- Alkaline batteries, such as AA, AAA, C, and D batteries, are suitable to be discarded in regular trash.



To request a pickup of waste batteries, submit an online pickup request using the EH&S Chemical/Bio Waste Pickup Request form available at:

https://csn.campusoptics.com/hw/chemical-bio-waste-pick-up-request-form. Please contact EH&S at 702-651-7445 or ehs@csn.edu if you have any questions.

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