

Battery Disposal

MIT will accept for recycling **all types of batteries**, including domestically manufactured alkaline batteries*. Batteries that must be recycled include: nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium-containing batteries, and lead acid batteries.

Battery terminals must be taped as a measure to prevent fires during collection and transportation.

Alkaline



9 Volt
(Tape the terminals)

AAA, AA, C cell and D cell batteries used in small electronics

Lead Acid (Pb)



vehicle batteries

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)



electric drill battery



batteries used in portable and remote-controlled electronics

Lithium Ion (Li-ion), Polymer (Li-Polymer) and Lithium Metal



camera batteries



cell phone battery



watch or hearing aid battery/"button" battery
(Tape entire battery)



laptop batteries



batteries used in electronics
(Tape the terminals)

*Although alkaline batteries made after 1994 no longer contain mercury and can be disposed of in regular trash, they contain materials that can be recycled and reused. The 9 volt battery with two terminals on the top must be disposed of properly in compliance with US Department of Transportation requirements.