

Battery Disposal

As of October 2009, MIT will accept for recycling **all types of batteries**, including alkaline batteries*. Batteries that must be recycled include: rechargeable batteries such as nickel cadmium, nickel metal hydride, lithium ion (button batteries used in watches and hearing aids), lithium-containing laptop batteries, and lead acid batteries.

STEP 1: **Tape the terminals** to prevent fires during collection and transportation.

Batteries from old cell phones should be removed from the phone and recycled. As of July 2009, batteries should NOT be placed in TechnoCycle bins.

STEP 2: Place batteries in a Battery Disposal bin located throughout campus (Do *not* send through interdepartmental mail):

- » Facilities Stockroom, E19-107
- » Facilities, NE49-2000
- » VWR Stockroom, 56-068
- » EHS, N52-496
- » Stratton Student Center, 1st floor
- » Stata Center, 1st floor
- » All residence halls
- » Most Distributed Mail Centers (DMCs)

Alkaline



9 Volt
(Tape the terminals)

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

Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)



electric drill
battery

batteries used
in portable and
remote-controlled
electronics

Lead Acid (Pb)



vehicle
batteries

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



camera
batteries



laptop
batteries



cell phone
battery



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



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.