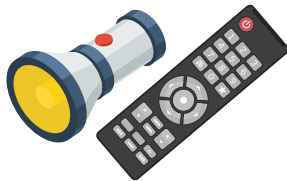
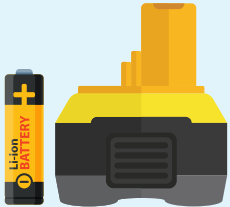
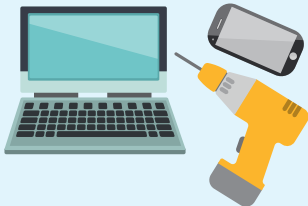
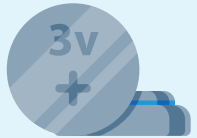
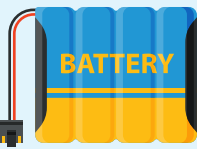




BATTERY BASICS

Identifying & Managing Batteries at Home

Batteries are available in a wide range of shapes, sizes and chemical compositions. Recognizing different types of batteries is crucial. Some contain hazardous metals – like mercury and lead – that can be harmful to both human health and the environment if not disposed of correctly. Most batteries are recyclable. Proper recycling management, however, depends on the services offered in your community. To see if batteries are accepted in your local recycling program, visit des.sc.gov/recycleheresc.

BATTERY TYPE	EXAMPLE	DESCRIPTION	USES
Alkaline		SINGLE-USE - Used in clocks, calculators, flashlights, remote controls, radios and toys - Include 9-volt, AA, AAA, C, D and some button cells	
Lithium-Ion (Li-ion)		RECHARGEABLE Used in cell phones, power tools, cameras, laptops, toys, e-cigarettes, appliances, tablets and e-readers	
Lead-Acid		RECHARGEABLE - Used in mobility scooters, children's toy cars and golf carts - Most commonly 12-volt	
Coin & Button		BUTTON: SINGLE-USE COIN: RECHARGEABLE Used in watches, small electronics and hearing aids	
Lithium-Polymer		RECHARGEABLE Used in mobility scooters, children's toy cars and drones	
Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd)		RECHARGEABLE Used in mobility scooters, children's toy cars and golf carts	

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