



BATTERY BASICS



Batteries are every day, everywhere essentials. Batteries come in various types and sizes to fit different products including flashlights, toys, smoke detectors, laptops, smart phones and watches, TV remotes, electronic games, e-bikes and scooters, and more. If handled improperly, batteries can harm you and others.

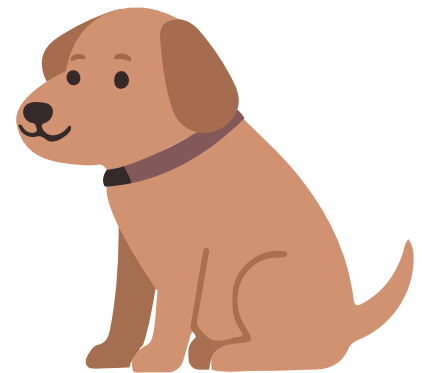
1. Follow the manufacturer's directions.

2. Avoid overcharging your device.

- Store in a cool, dry place.
- Charge away from flammables including the couch, bed, pillows, and blankets.

3. Store loose batteries and devices away from children and pets.

Tape the metal terminals of loose batteries before disposal to prevent a spark.



4. Do not dispose of rechargeable batteries in your household garbage or recycling bin.

Rechargeable items contain lithium-ion batteries. These devices may include the items below.

Laptops 	Smart Phones 	Power Tools 	Toys 
Smart Watches 	Tablets 	Vacuums 	Controllers 



5. Batteries should be recycled properly.

Consumers are encouraged to recycle alkaline batteries, but they can be disposed of in household garbage. Both alkaline and rechargeable batteries can be recycled at specific drop-off locations and/or special collection programs.

Visit des.sc.gov/bebatterysmart for more information about battery safety and recycling.