



RAGS Information Sheet: BATTERIES



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Types of Batteries

Batteries contain a range of potentially hazardous materials and should be disposed of responsibly in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendations. Batteries usually include various metals such as lead, cadmium, nickel and zinc, which can be recovered by specialist processes – please make use of the recycling opportunities available:

Households

- Many major battery manufacturers (such as Energiser, Varta and Panasonic) will accept their own brand used batteries for recycling. See the manufactures packaging for further details.
- Many local garages and suppliers will take old car batteries. There may be a charge for this service.
- Most of the UK Mobile phone network operators operate a system for recycling your old mobile phone – contact your network operator for details.
- A number of charities will also recycle your old mobile phone for you – contact your local Age Concern, RNID, Oxfam or Scope shop for further details.
- Contact your local authority (see RAGS “Domestic Recycling” information sheet) or check the Waste Aware Scotland website at www.wascot.org.uk for current information on battery recycling facilities at your local civic amenity site.

Commercial

- For business and commercial waste, there are a number of companies that will collect wood from business premises. There is usually a charge for this service.
- Civic amenity sites are generally only available to household and non-commercial waste. Some sites will take commercial waste, but there may be a fee for this. Please contact your local authority for more details.

Other useful websites

- www.bbma.co.uk British Battery Manufacturing Association
- www.rebat.com Information on recycling batteries
- www.wasteonline.org.uk In depth online recycling information
- www.letsrecycle.com Industry backed recycling information
- www.recycle-more.com General information on recycling
- www.wascot.org.uk Local recycling information

RAGS Members involved in batteries recycling

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