

PHYSICS DIVISION
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BATTERY RECYCLING

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ORNL recycles all types of batteries, including alkaline, nickel-cadmium, mercury, lithium, silver, nickel-metal-hydride, carbon zinc, and sealed or open celled lead-acid.

No batteries should be disposed of in the trash.

HOW TO MANAGE USED BATTERIES

- Recycle bins, which are labeled 'Universal Waste' and identified with battery type and date, are available **outside 6000:C201** (Division stockroom) for undamaged alkaline, lithium, mercury, and nickel-cadmium batteries. There is also a bin located on the first floor of 6010 outside the kitchen. These areas are self-service. Please follow the posted directions, which ask you to:
 - Tape battery terminals with electrical tape (tape should be available).
 - Segregate batteries in the appropriate recycle bin.
 - Close recycle bin after depositing batteries.
- To dispose damaged (leaking) batteries, bag them, label with your name and date, and give to Mark Whitley in 6000:113 or contact the Division [Waste Generator](#).
- Contact the Division [Waste Generator](#) to dispose lead-acid (car) batteries or if you have any questions.

Reference [Battery Recycling](#).