

**CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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## Safe Battery Disposal Tips

Battery Type	Safe Disposal
Alkaline, Manganese, & Carbon-Zinc Dry Cells	Place in trash; rechargeable alkaline batteries can be placed in trash. Note: Alkaline batteries made before 1996—bring to a hazardous waste collection.
Button Cell	Bring to a district hazardous waste collection. <i>See other side of flier for year-round options.</i>
Lithium	Bring to a district hazardous waste collection.
Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd or Ni-CAD) Rechargeable and Lithium Ion Rechargeable	Recycle for free in the drop box at the district office; bring to a hazardous waste collection; or call your town to see if there's a local recycling drop box.
Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) Rechargeable and Small Sealed Lead Acid (Pb) Rechargeable—each battery must weigh less than 2 lbs.	Recycle for free in the drop box at the district office; bring to a hazardous waste collection; or call your town to see if there's a local recycling drop box. If over 2 lbs., call CVSWMD.
Lead Acid (ie. car batteries)	Recycle for free at point of purchase, such as service stations, auto parts stores, etc.

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## Button Cell Battery Take-Back Program

The following pharmacies participate in a Button Cell Battery Take-Back Program with the state of Vermont. Residents can bring button cell batteries, which look like small buttons, to these locations for *safe disposal at no cost*.

- Montpelier Pharmacy, Montpelier — 223-4633
- The Medicine Shoppe, Barre — 479-3381
- Harry's Discount Pharmacy, Barre — 479-2521
- Kinney Drugs, Berlin — 476-6659
- Rite Aid Pharmacy, Montpelier — 223-4787

**Please note:** Button cell batteries are still accepted at CVSWMD Hazardous Waste collections for a fee, but this is a convenient *and free* year-round option.

### Which button cell batteries contain mercury?

Almost all button cell batteries contain some mercury, including:

- alkaline manganese
- silver oxide
- zinc-air
- mercuric-oxide

### What kinds of items run on button cell batteries?

- Watches and calculators
- Hearing aids and digital thermometers
- Bicycle odometer/speedometer
- Some children's toys and games

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