



**BE ALERT,
DIVERT**
HIDDEN BATTERIES

DAMAGED, DEFECTIVE, AND RECALLED BATTERIES



BE ALERT FOR DAMAGED, DEFECTIVE, OR RECALLED (DDR) BATTERIES!

They are more likely to start a fire or explode, posing a hazard to you and others. Signs of damage include swelling, corrosion, leaking fluid, or burn marks.

NEVER PUT DDR BATTERIES IN THE TRASH OR RECYCLING

DDR batteries may cause a fire or explode if they are punctured or crushed by heavy trash or recycling equipment.



Photo Credit: JBaker 5280 Fire

SAFE HANDLING TIPS

1. Seal the DDR battery in a plastic bag.
2. Keep it in a safe place to protect it from puncture, crushing, and heat.
3. Place leaking, hissing, or smoking batteries on a non-flammable surface outside. When the reaction is complete, bag it and place it in an inert material like sand or kitty litter.



TAKE ALL DDR BATTERIES TO A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

For more information about battery safety and how to recycle batteries properly, scan the code or visit: larimer.org/solidwaste/batteries.





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HOW TO PREPARE BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING

1 SORT

Separate batteries by type using the guide below. If safe and possible, remove rechargeable batteries from the device they are in.

2 TAPE

For all batteries EXCEPT ALKALINE, cover both terminals (ends) with CLEAR tape. You may also bag each battery separately.

3 RECYCLE

AFTER taping or bagging, store them in a container in a cool dry place until you take them to a recycling facility.

NO TAPE

ALKALINE BATTERIES



Most single-use batteries are alkaline.

Find them in:

- flashlights
- toys
- remote controls
- smoke detectors
- other electronics

TAPE BOTH ENDS WITH CLEAR TAPE OR BAG EACH BATTERY SEPARATELY.

LITHIUM PRIMARY BATTERIES



Lithium primary batteries are single use and longer lasting than alkaline.

Find them in:

- watches
- key fobs
- toys
- other small electronics

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES



Rechargeable batteries are found in cordless or mobile devices that you recharge.

Examples include:

- power tools
- toys
- cell phones
- other electronics.

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