



Battery Recycling

In the U.S., more than 3 billion batteries, the equivalent of 125,000 tons, are used and then thrown away. Recycling batteries protects our environment from heavy metal contamination. Used batteries are collected by EH&S for recycling.

Some types of batteries recycled by EH&S include:

- Alkaline
- Mercury
- Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Silver Button
- Carbon-Zinc
- Lithium Ion
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Sealed Lead Acid (Pb)

Recycling Procedures

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) provides three options for free recycling of used batteries.

1. Drop off your batteries in a battery recycling bin near you. Below is a list of battery recycling bin locations.
2. Interoffice mail your batteries to EH&S. Call EH&S at (949) 824-6200 and ask for "Battery and Cellular Phone Recycling" bags to be interoffice mailed to you. Once your bag is filled, send the bag through the interoffice mail to EH&S. The bags are pre-labeled so just drop and go!



3. If there is not a battery-recycling container near you, place the batteries in a sturdy bag or container. Label the battery container as "Universal Waste - Used Batteries" and include the date when the waste was first generated. Submit an online [Universal Waste Collection](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/apps/waste/crtcollect.jsp) request at <http://www.ehs.uci.edu/apps/waste/crtcollect.jsp>. EH&S will pick up your batteries within 1-3 days.

Used batteries must be transferred to EH&S for recycling within 9 months of being generated.

Battery Recycling Bin Locations			
Building	Room	Building	Room
Berkeley Place	1500	McGaugh Hall	4205
Bookstore	South Entrance	Medical Sciences	D246
Bookstore	North Entrance	Medical Sciences	D446
Claire Trevor Theater	B18	NACS	150
Croul Hall	3252	North Campus	Store Operations
Engineering Lab Facility	114	North Campus	Mail Room
Environmental Health and Safety	126	North Campus	FM Call Center
Grounds	HVAC D1	Reines Hall	PS Stores
GSM	343	Verano Housing	Cyber Cafe
Hewitt Hall	3032		