

Lithium Batteries

The fire hazard we can stop together.

Lithium-ion batteries are a growing cause of waste and recycling fires every year. Because they are in so many everyday devices, we must identify them and teach our customers, friends, and families how to dispose of them properly. Use batterysafetynow.org.

Why it matters



Everywhere

They power e-bikes, scooters, cordless tools, and vapes.



Crushed in the truck

In trash or recycling bins, they can be crushed and catch fire.



Fires spread

Fire can spread to other vehicles and facilities, risking jobs.

Prevent it before pickup

- ☐ Teach proper battery recycling to customers, friends, and family.
- ☐ Batteries should **never** go into standard trash or recycling bins.
- ☐ Point people to batterysafetynow.org to find where to drop them off.
- ☐ Share this resource with local community groups to help spread the word.

Four moves on your route

When you find a battery or battery-powered device.



1 SPOT

Identify lithium batteries and battery-powered devices in the bin.



2 LEAVE IT

Do not collect battery-powered devices. Leave them in the bin.



3 TAG

Leave a warning tag referencing batterysafetynow.org on the bin. Write the site on the tag if needed.



4 REPORT

Report it immediately.

Never collect battery-powered devices.

Lithium batteries are a serious fire risk. Spot them, report them immediately, and help others recycle them safely!

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