



**University  
of Victoria**  
Occupational  
Health, Safety  
& Environment

# Battery Disposal and Recycling

Used batteries are hazardous waste and should never be disposed of in regular garbage.

## *How do I dispose of batteries on campus?*

### Alkaline Batteries

UVic collects and recycles AAA to D batteries at expanded recycling stations located in the University Centre, the Student Union Building, Bob Wright Centre, and the Ian Stewart Complex.

Visit UVic's [Waste Reduction and Recycling web-page](#) for details.

### Lithium-Ion Polymer Batteries

Li-Po batteries are typically found in laptops and cellphones, and must be disposed of at an *authorized battery disposal facility\** in the community.

\* To find the nearest *authorized battery disposal facility* please use the Call2Recycle Drop-off Locator:  
<http://www.call2recycle.ca/locator/>

### Gel-cell and Lead Acid Batteries

These batteries should be returned to the supplier for a core charge refund, or they can be taken to an *authorized battery disposal facility\** in the community.

**Note:** For disposal of large quantities of batteries dispose of via OHSE's [Hazardous Waste Management Program](#).

## *How do I dispose of **damaged batteries**?*

Damaged or leaking batteries should be placed in secondary containment to prevent a spillage, such as a plastic bag or rigid container as appropriate, and should be disposed of as hazardous waste using the online [Hazardous Waste Disposal Form](#).

**Special Precaution Alert:** If a Lithium-Ion Polymer (LI-Po) battery is swelling, unplug the device immediately, place device in a safe location, allow it to cool, and contact OHSE for Hazardous Waste Disposal.



### **CAUTION:**

- Handle damaged batteries with care.
- Charging a damaged battery increases risk of battery leaking and catching fire.
- In case of Li-Po, gel-cell, or lead acid battery leak, call Campus Security at 250-721-7599.