



Types of Battery

CAR BATTERIES

Contain hazardous metals and need to be disposed of safely. All Household Waste and Recycling Centres will take them.

Any questions?

For more information on recycling and waste reduction contact Suffolk County Council
0845 606 6067

Or visit our website at
www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

DRY CELL

Household batteries such as AA, AAA, D and C.

Non Rechargeable

Zinc Carbon

Used in low drainage items such as clocks, and radios.

Zinc Chloride

Prone to leaking so remove them after they've run down.

Alkaline Manganese

General purpose, leak proof and longer lasting.

Button Cells

Silver oxide cells (as used in cameras and watches) can be taken by jewellers. Mercuric Oxide / Zinc Cells (used in hearing aids and pacemakers) are collected by NHS hospitals.

Rechargeable Batteries

Nickel Cadmium (NiCad)

Common in power tools, personal stereos, mobile phones, lap-top computers etc, with a life of 4-5 years. NiCad is a known carcinogen and needs to be disposed of safely.

Nickel Metal Hydride

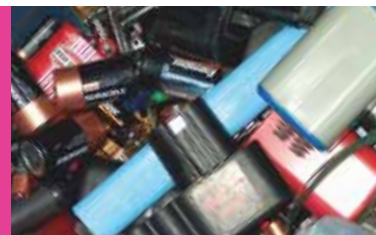
Environmentally friendly alternative to NiCad batteries.

Lithium Ion

Highest energy content.



20,000 tonnes of batteries are landfilled every year in the UK.



More recycling options

Please call your district recycling officers for more detailed information about local recycling sites in your area.

Babergh District Council

0800 018 5989

Forest Heath District Council

0800 389 7894

Ipswich Borough Council

(01473) 432099

Mid Suffolk District Council

(01449) 778678

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

(01284) 757320

Suffolk Coastal District Council

(01394) 444000

Waveney District Council

(01502) 523561

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Please pass this on to a friend when you have finished with it.

If you would like this leaflet in tape version, large type, Braille or another language, please telephone 0845 606 6067.



RECYCLING YOUR WASTE BATTERIES



www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk



Why recycle Batteries?

Household batteries form an essential part of every day life. Your mobile phone, smoke detectors, torches, personal stereos, and children's toys, all rely on battery power. An estimated six million batteries will be bought in Suffolk in a year but most batteries in the UK end up in landfill sites, where heavy metals may leak from them and pollute the environment. Read below for advice on buying, using and disposing of your household batteries.



Did you know?

600 million batteries are sold in the UK each year.

The energy needed to make batteries is 50 times greater than the energy they actually give out.



Tips to maximise the life of rechargeable batteries

FOLLOW THE MANUFACTURERS INSTRUCTIONS.

- Charge your new battery overnight before using it for the first time. This will give you **maximum** battery capacity.
- Let your battery **cool** to room temperature before recharging. Charge efficiency is reduced at higher temperatures.
- **Recharge** batteries when they are near to fully discharged.
- **NEVER** return a fully charged battery to the charger for an 'extra' boost. This overcharges the cells and shortens the life of the battery.
- **Don't** use your charger as a stand, continuous charging also shortens battery life.



Avoiding Batteries

- Use the mains for electrical items when you have the choice.
- Try mechanical products such as: radios, torches, pedal dynamos for charging mobiles and wind up toys.
- Choose toys that do not require batteries.
- Use solar powered battery chargers (including for mobile phones and laptops), torches, garden lights and radios
- If you do have to use batteries use rechargeable ones wherever possible.



See www.cat.org.uk for energy saving products.

How and where you can recycle



Send batteries back to manufacturers where schemes are available.

Visit www.rebat.com for a list of company contact details and collection points, or ring the REBAT free hotline 0800 783 3516.

Suffolk County Council operates a recycling scheme for **ALL** types of household batteries. Every household waste and recycling centre has a special **BLUE** bin for your battery disposal. Car batteries are recycled but in a separate container.

Location of Household Waste and Recycling Centres in Suffolk

ALL of the below contain HOUSEHOLD and CAR BATTERY recycling facilities.

- * **Beccles** - Fen Lane
- * **Bramford** - Somersham Road
- * **Bury St Edmunds** - Rougham Hill
- * **Brome** - Council Depot, Eye
- * **Chelmondiston** - Shotley Road
- * **Felixstowe** - Carr Road
- * **Foxhall** - Foxhall Road, Ipswich
- * **Hadleigh** - Lady Lane
- * **Haverhill** - Coupals Close
- * **Ingham** - Thetford Road
- * **Ipswich** - Portman Walk
- * **Leiston** - Lovers Lane
- * **Lowestoft** - Wildes Street
- * **Mildenhall** - Brandon Road
- * **Newmarket** - Depot Road
- * **Southwold** - Blyth Road
- * **Stowmarket** - Old Bury Road
- * **Sudbury** - Sandy Lane



All sites are open **EVERY DAY** except Dec 25 & 26 and Jan 1, at the following times:

1 Nov - 31 Jan
8am - 4pm

1 Feb - 31 Mar
8am - 5pm

1 Apr - 30 Sept
8am - 6pm

1 Oct - 31 Oct
8am - 5pm