

Battery Collection Guidance for Fire Stations in the Marin Sanitary Service Area

Zero Waste Marin JPA Household Hazardous Waste Program

Purpose

This document provides guidance for Marin County fire stations participating as public battery collection sites. The goal is to ensure safe collection, handling, storage, and transfer of batteries to the HHW facility while protecting staff, the public, and the environment. This guidance is available for download at <https://marinhhw.com/contact-marin-hhw/>

Program Overview

Fire stations serve as convenient public drop-off locations for household batteries. This program helps Marin County residents dispose of batteries responsibly and safely.

- Batteries collected are considered residential waste.
- Material is not subject to small business (Very Small Quantity Generator) pricing.
- Full buckets must be transported to the HHW facility by Marin Sanitary Service (MSS) staff.
 - Any items that are not household batteries will not be collected by MSS.
 - MSS will take photos of uncollected items.
 - Other Household hazardous waste left at the fire station must be dropped off at HHW facility by fire station staff. At no cost.

Public Drop-Off Instructions

- Collection containers include instructions for the public.
- Residents are encouraged to:
 - Place batteries in designated drop-off area.
 - Tape battery terminals (especially lithium and 9-volt batteries) to prevent sparks or fires.
 - Car batteries are not accepted.
 - Other household hazardous waste is not accepted.
 - Damaged, or broken batteries are not to be accepted.

Note: Containers should be accessible to the public.

Fire Station Staff Responsibilities

1. Collection Management

- Fire Station Staff should oversee and manage battery placement.
- Do not allow loose or improper disposal outside the designated container.
- For any defective, damaged or recalled batteries please refer residents to the HHW facility.
- If the collection liners are overflowing, please transfer batteries to 5-gallon buckets provided to you by Zero Waste Marin and contact The Marin Household Hazardous Waste Facility to schedule a pickup.

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2. Container Use

- Battery Collection Bins have three compartments.
 - Three – 3 Gallon Liners
 - ZWM HHW Programs will provide you with a total additional of Two – 5 Gallon Buckets.
 1. Use the 5 Gallon Buckets in the event there is a missed collection of batteries or other unforeseen circumstances to store additional batteries.
 - Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from flammable materials
 1. Please keep 5-gallon buckets closed with included lids.

3. Labeling Requirements

- Storage and labeling:
 - Please ensure that accumulation date label is updated every time the battery box is served by MSS Staff designated to collect batteries within MSS Route.
 - If label needs to be replaced, Fire Station staff will communicate with ZWM HHW Staff for replacement.

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- ZWM will provide:
 1. The storage labels.

2. Replacement buckets and liners.
 3. Signage and guidance.
 4. Please email us if any of these need to be replaced.
- All containers must be properly labeled for collection and transportation.
 - Universal Waste-Battery(ies)
 1. Space for:
 - a. Site name
 - b. Site address
 - c. Accumulation start date

Universal Waste-Battery(ies)

Site Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Accumulation date

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4. Recommended Safety Practices

- Always assume batteries may be damaged or reactive.
- Use gloves when handling batteries.
- Immediately isolate:
 - Leaking batteries
 - Swollen or damaged lithium batteries
- Keep a Class D Fire Extinguisher or appropriate fire suppression method accessible if available.
- Never mix batteries with other waste.

5. Handling & Storage

- Avoid crushing, puncturing, or compacting batteries.
- Keep containers:
 - Upright
 - Closed

MSS Staff Responsibilities

○ Transportation to HHW Facility:

1. MSS staff will empty ZWM battery 3-gallon liners into a ZWM 5-Gallon bucket(s).
2. MSS will update the Universal Waste Label and update the accumulation date every time that the bin is serviced.
3. MSS must ensure that the 5-gallon buckets are closed during transportation.
4. MSS will pick up batteries determined by established collection day.

Fire Station	Service Address	Collection Day
Fairfax PD	142 Bolinas Rd Fairfax	Monday
FS 55	955 Point San Pedro Rd	Monday
FS 17	1004 Sir Francis Drake BLVD	Monday
FS 15	420 Magnolia Ave	Tuesday
FS 52	52 Union St	Tuesday
FS 51	1375 5 th Ave	Tuesday
FS 16	15 Barry Way	Wednesday
FS 57	3550 Civic Center Dr	Wednesday
FS 19	777 San Anselmo Ave	Wednesday
FS 54	46 Castro St	Thursday
FS 56	650 Del Ganado Rd	Thursday
FS 58	777 Miller Creek Rd	Friday
FS 18	33 Sir Francis Drake BLVD	Friday

○ Training

- Provided by ZWM HHW Team to MSS
- Training will include:
 - How to fill out the label.
 - Assessing damaged batteries