

Battery Collection Guidance for Retailers

Zero Waste Marin Household Hazardous Waste Program

Purpose

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

Program Overview

Retailers 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 public household waste.
- Material is not subject to small business (Very Small Quantity Generator) Pricing.
- Full Zero Waste Marin buckets will be picked up by Revolt Recycling, a contracted household hazardous waste hauler.

Public Drop-Off Instructions

- Collection containers include instructions for the public.
- Residents are encouraged to:
 - Tape battery terminals (especially rechargeable batteries, lithium-ion and 9-volt batteries) to prevent sparks or fires!
 - Place batteries in designated drop-off area or turn-in to store personnel.
 - Car batteries are not accepted.
 - Other household hazardous waste is not accepted.
 - Damaged, defective or recalled batteries are not to be accepted at retailers.
 - Encourage residents to drop off damaged, defective, or recalled (DDR) batteries at the HHW Facility.
 - San Rafael HHW Facility
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA 94901
(415)-456-2665
Residential Hours:
Tuesday – Saturday 8:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.
Closed, Sunday, Monday & Select holidays.

[San Rafael Household Hazardous Waste Facility | Drop-Off Information](#)

- Novato HHW Facility
7576 Redwood Blvd
Novato, CA 94945
(415) 892-7344

Open four days a month. See website for current dates and hours.

[Novato Household Hazardous Waste Facility | Drop-Off Information](#)

Staff Responsibilities

1. Collection Management

- Store Staff should oversee and manage battery placement.
- Staff, not the public, should place batteries into internal containers when feasible.
- Do not allow loose or improper disposal outside the designated container.
- By participating in this program, you understand the associated risks of battery collection.

2. Containers

- Containers and lids will be provided.
- ZWM HHW Programs will provide you with a total of 4 to rotate during drops off.
- Recommended practice:
 - Once buckets are full, contact Revolt Recycling to coordinate pickup.

Revolt Recycling

 **(510) 352 - 2665**

- Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from flammable materials
- If your collection site collects bulbs, Revolt Recycling staff will also collect boxes.

3. Labeling Requirements

- Storage:
 1. Please ensure that accumulation date label is updated every time the battery box is served by Revolt Recycling Staff.
 2. If label needs to be replaced, Fire Station staff will communicate with ZWM HHW Staff for replacement.

 Email us at zero.waste@marincounty.gov

- ZWM will provide:
 1. The Storage and transportation 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: Batteries
 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

Month	Day	Year
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4. 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

- Prevent battery terminals from contacting each other.
- Encourage customers to apply tape to terminals when needed.

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

6. Training

- Provided by ZWM HHW Team.
- Training will include:
 - Filling out label
 - Assessing damaged batteries