



## “BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED” IN YOUR WASTE OR RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Your trash and recyclables, when mixed with batteries, can become a fire starter! With all the combustible materials mixed in with the waste and recyclables, a landfill, recycling center, or trash truck could catch on fire. Do not place any batteries in your trash or recycling bins.

All batteries, including **lithium-ion** batteries, are considered hazardous waste in California when they are discarded.

This includes all batteries of sizes **AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 Volt**, and all other batteries, both rechargeable and single use. All batteries must be taken to a hazardous waste disposal facility, a universal waste handler (e.g., storage facility or broker), or an authorized recycling facility and not placed in any of your CR&R containers.



Used batteries, not including vehicle or acid batteries, should be placed in a sealed clear plastic bag and visit [www.oilandfills.com/hazardous/bus](http://www.oilandfills.com/hazardous/bus) for disposal options.

The National Fire Prevention Association advises placing tape on 9-volt batteries, commonly used in smoke detectors, since the positive and negative posts are so close together that a paperclip or other metal object touching both posts could generate enough heat to start a fire.



Remember that even a dead battery has some charge left so taping the ends helps to prevent the discharge of electricity, which can start fires.

Rechargeable **lithium-ion** batteries are a technological breakthrough as they hold a lot of energy in a small, lightweight package. However, they also have the potential to explode or catch fire when they overheat, are damaged or are improperly manufactured.

**Lithium-ion** batteries power all kinds of electronic devices, including cell phones, digital cameras, tablets, power tools and laptops. When those items break or are replaced with newer devices, the batteries need to be removed and disposed of properly.



Please contact CR&R or your vendor for options to properly dispose of batteries.