

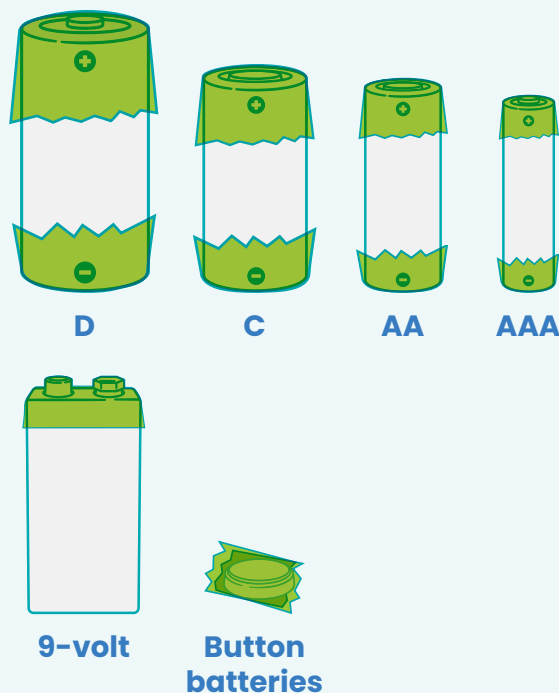


Top tips for safely disposing of waste batteries:

- Opt for rechargeable batteries over single-use ones whenever possible to reduce waste.
- Instead of throwing away unwanted battery-powered items, consider selling or donating them if they're still working.
- Never dispose of batteries in your regular rubbish bin or mix them with other recyclables.
- If you can safely remove a battery from a device, make sure to dispose of it separately using a battery collection service.

Why tape before you recycle? *He aha e tēpa ai te pūhiko i mua i te hangarua?*

Batteries can cause fires if their terminals touch or they touch other metal objects. Button batteries can easily spark due to the large battery terminal and can cause internal burns if swallowed by children or pets. Prevent this by taping the terminals of used batteries with tape (clear tape preferred).



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Think before you toss

Never bin your batteries.

Throwing batteries in the bin is a fire risk
and can harm people and the planet.

The dangers of used batteries *Ngā mōreareatanga o ngā pūhiko tawhito*

Used batteries thrown away in general waste or mixed with other recyclables like paper, metal, or plastic can be hazardous.

During the collection process, batteries hidden in rubbish or recycling may be accidentally crushed, compacted, punctured, shredded, or exposed to liquids. When this occurs, certain types of batteries can overheat or catch fire, leading to potential harm, extensive damage, and disruption to waste services.

Even if no fire occurs, damaged batteries contain harmful chemicals and materials that can pose serious environmental risks if not disposed of properly.



Remember these three simple steps to keep our collection truck drivers safe.

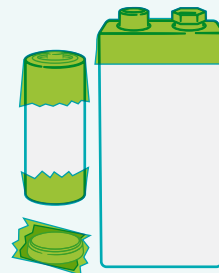
DON'T TOSS THEM

in general waste and recycling bins



TAPE THEM

using clear sticky tape (preferred), non-conductive electrical or duct tape.



TAKE THEM

to your nearest recycle drop-off point.

60 Te Tahi Street, Whakatāne
Harakeke Road, Murupara



Where can I recycle my used batteries? *Kei hea au e hangarua ana i ngā pūhiko tawhito?*

There are several safe and free ways to recycle household batteries.

Drop-off points:

- **Whakatāne Resource Recovery Centre**
(60 Te Tahi Street, Whakatāne)
– two dedicated battery recycling units.
- **Murupara Resource Recovery Centre**
– batteries are collected and transferred to Whakatāne for safe recycling.
- **Other locations** – Waste Zero Whakatāne stall at the first Whakatāne Sunday Market each month, Bunnings, and Supercheap Auto (for car batteries only).

What battery types are accepted? *He aha ngā momo pūhiko ka hangarua?*

Small household batteries, commonly used in everyday devices around the home, can be saved and dropped off free of charge, at our Resource Recovery Centre in Whakatāne and Murupara.

Larger household batteries can be left on the crate next to the battery recycling unit in the recycling drop-off area.

E-waste

Electronic devices like tvs, laptops, smartphones, tablets and power tools are classified as electronic waste (e-waste). We recycle smartphones and power tool batteries. However, other electronic waste, such as TVs, laptops, and tablets, are not recycled at the Resource Recovery Centres and should be taken to CReW (charges apply) or Noel Leeming for recycling.



For more information,
scan the QR code or go to
**[whakatane.govt.nz/
battery-recycling](https://whakatane.govt.nz/battery-recycling)**