



## Waste Batteries

Batteries contain lead, lead sulphate, lead dioxide and sulphuric acid, all of which can be very harmful to the environment. The *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009* is the law which classifies used commercial lead batteries as Prescribed Industrial Waste.

It is therefore a legal requirement that commercial (vehicle) waste batteries do not end up in landfill. They must be directed to a battery recycler that can have them recycled. There should be companies in your area that specialise in battery recycling. Otherwise a scrap metal recycler is often able to take them for recycling.

Before waste batteries are taken away, they must be stored **undercover** and in a **bunded area** or **spill tray**.

### Please Note

Batteries are still considered hazardous waste even when they have been drained of acid. This is because they still contain lead, and can therefore still pose a threat to the environment. Used batteries should only be broken up, or have their contents tipped out, at facilities that specialise in this work.

### Further Information



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