

## Batteries, Motor Vehicle (Lead-Acid)

### Do Riverside County Landfills accept this waste?

Yes

No  
(See Disposal Locations)

Conditionally  
(See Special Conditions)

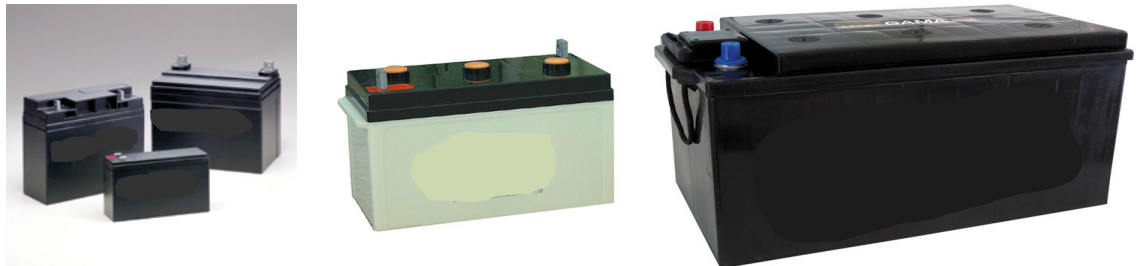
Case by case  
(See Approval Process)

### Are there other alternatives for this waste?

Yes  
(See Alternative Recycling Locations)

No

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### Definition

A battery is essentially a can full of chemicals that produce electrons. Chemical reactions that produce electrons are called electrochemical reactions. Lead-acid batteries are broken down into two groups: Household generated lead-acid batteries and commercially generated lead-acid batteries. Lead-acid batteries are a hazardous waste and are not accepted for disposal at the Riverside County landfills.

### Hazards

Batteries can leak strong corrosive liquids which can cause explosions or fire, and can burn skin and eyes on contact injuring solid waste workers. Batteries also contain chemicals and heavy metals which can harm the environment when improperly handled or disposed.

### Riverside County Landfill Enforcement

Lead acid batteries are a hazardous waste and must be recycled or disposed of at an approved facility. It is illegal to place lead acid batteries in the trash or to dispose of them at landfills, lakes, streams or the ocean. Abandoning lead-acid batteries on streets and parking lots or placing them in waste dumpsters also constitutes illegal hazardous waste disposal, and can be prosecuted under state law. The penalty can be up to \$25,000 per occurrence. Riverside County landfills enforce prohibition of this waste at all active dumping pads.

### Disposal Locations

The Riverside County Waste Management Department operates several Household Hazardous Waste collection facilities and events. To find the location of a facility or event near you, please visit [http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/hhw/index.html#\\_HHW\\_Collection\\_Locations](http://www.rivcowm.org/opencms/hhw/index.html#_HHW_Collection_Locations)

Most metal recyclers pay for lead-acid batteries. Metal recyclers in your area are listed in the phone book under recycling. For a list of metal recyclers in Riverside County please check the yellow pages of your phone directory.

Additionally, any business that sells lead-acid batteries must take back "core" batteries by law.

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### Alternative Recycling Locations

#### Autozone

Most location throughout Riverside County accept used auto batteries for recycling. Please call for more information.  
1-800-288-6966 or <http://www.autozone.com>

#### Battery Systems

16010 Valley Blvd.  
Fontana, CA 92335  
909-823-9865

#### Battery Systems

1420 Citrus Street  
Riverside, CA 92507  
951-778-0295

#### Desert Batteries

79469 Country Club Drive, Unit B  
Bermuda Dunes, CA 92201  
760-345-3762

#### O'Reilly's Auto Parts

All locations throughout Riverside County accepts used auto batteries. Please call for more information. 1 - 8 8 8 - 3 2 7 - 7 1 5 3 or <http://www.oreillyauto.com/site/c/home.oap>

#### Palm Springs Recycling

36630 Sunair Plaza  
Cathedral City, CA 92234  
760-321-4087

#### Palm Springs Recycling

Oasis Drive  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
760-325-3377

#### Pep Boys Auto Parts

Most locations throughout Riverside County accept used auto batteries for recycling. Please contact for more information <http://www.pepboys.com> for the location nearest you.

#### Ramsey Recycling

1243 E. Ramsey Avenue  
Banning, CA 92220  
951-849-5997

#### Wal-Mart

1231 South Sanderson Avenue  
Hemet, CA 92545  
951-766-1164

Please contact your local Wal-Mart to see if they also accept batteries for recycling.

Additional recyclers in your area can be found at <http://www.Earth911.com>

This information above is offered as a public service in an effort to eliminate illegal and improper waste disposal. As the information may not be comprehensive, the Department encourages the public to research additional companies that are available for the services sought. The companies are not affiliated, endorsed or regulated by the Department. Accordingly, as with any professional service, please confirm the accuracy of the company's information and request copies or verification of the company's license and/or permits to provide the service, prior to utilizing its services. Under no circumstances, directly or indirectly, shall the Department be held responsible or liable for reliance on this information. If you would like to include your company on the list, please

#### Internal Operating Procedures

A  B  C  D  E  F  G  H  Not applicable