

## Battery Recycling/Disposal Policy

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Waste batteries will be handled in the following manner on campus:

- **Regular alkalines** (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V) are not regulated as wastes, and can be delivered directly to Sustainable Bowdoin for collection and recycling.
- **Metal hydride, lithium, ni-cad, silver, mercury, zinc** (i.e., from cell phones and electronics) **and commercial lead-acid batteries** (i.e., from tools and equipment) are regulated as universal hazardous wastes, and while they will likely be recycled eventually, must be forwarded to the **Central Accumulation Area (CAA)** for logging and disposal just like fluorescent bulbs, light ballasts, and mercury devices.
- **Automotive and boat batteries** will continue to be treated as regulated wastes, and be returned to the retailer by the Garage staff when purchasing new ones.
- Battery types will be segregated and boxed separately based on metal content, and listed on the manifest as a separate item by the disposal vendor, so that items for recycling can be separated from those sent for disposal.
- Any location on campus where batteries are collected for any length of time prior to disposal (i.e., the AV Office) must be designated as a **Satellite Accumulation Area (SAA)**, and follow all regulations regarding storage containers, signs and labels, weekly inspections, etc. (EHS will provide this info). Batteries may also be collected informally in the Housekeeping Office, Shops, etc., for up to 72-hours without being so designated, so long as they are sent to universal waste storage by that time.
- Similarly, any point where multiple battery packs are being recharged must be designated as such with a "Battery Charging Area – No Smoking" sign (EHS can provide this also); any individual charging station (i.e., on a person's desk) is exempt.

Please note that since the batteries are not considered "waste" until logged-in as such, the campus mail may be used to deliver them either to Keisha Payson at **Sustainable Bowdoin**, or to Mark Fisher at the **Office of Environmental Health & Safety** (both care of: Facilities Management, Rhodes Hall), so long as they are transferred to storage within 72-hours of receipt.