The following are the primary types of batteries generated on campus, their associated waste classification and recycling/disposal process:

- **Regular (disposable) alkalines** (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V) are not regulated as wastes, and can be delivered directly to Sustainable Bowdoin or placed in the appropriate bucket outside of the Universal Waste Central Accumulation Area (CAA) in Rhodes Hall for collection and recycling (please tape the 9V terminals before adding to container).

- **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 must be brought to the CAA for logging and disposal.

- **Automotive and boat batteries** are regulated wastes and will be returned to the retailer by the Motor Pool staff or others when purchasing new ones. If batteries cannot be returned they will be managed as Universal Waste or Hazardous Waste as appropriate.

**Battery Collection Requirements:**

- The only batteries that can be collected without additional requirements are **disposable alkaline** (provided all 9 volt terminals are taped/covered).

- Any location on campus where non-alkaline batteries are collected must be designated as a **Universal Waste Storage Area (UWSA)**, and follow all regulations regarding storage containers, signs, labels, weekly inspections, etc. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety must be contacted prior to establishing a UWSA.

- 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.

- Batteries may be collected informally in the Housekeeping Office, Shops, etc., for up to 72-hours without being a UWSA, so long as they are sent to a UWSA or CAA within that timeframe.

- If your office or work area does not have a designated UWSA, non-alkaline batteries may be placed in an interoffice mailer and sent to Rhodes Hall- EHS. Only one battery per envelope.