

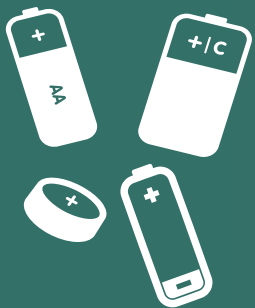
Never bin a **battery**

(or anything with a battery inside!)

Most people know **not** to bin alkaline batteries, but did you know that there are many common items that have a lithium battery. These include, toys, electric toothbrushes, cameras, mobile phones and anything that is rechargeable.

During waste collection, these items are crushed or punctured, which can cause the batteries to spark or overheat and cause a fire. Even broken items can still contain residual lithium metal and flammable electrolytes, which can ignite upon impact. These fires are dangerous and put waste workers and surrounding residents at risk.

WA councils report lithium battery related fires every second day – causing damage to homes, destroying rubbish trucks, serious injuries, and bushfire outbreaks.



Broken or old items still hold a battery with a charge, making them a fire hazard if binned.

Batteries cannot go in kerbside or skip bins -

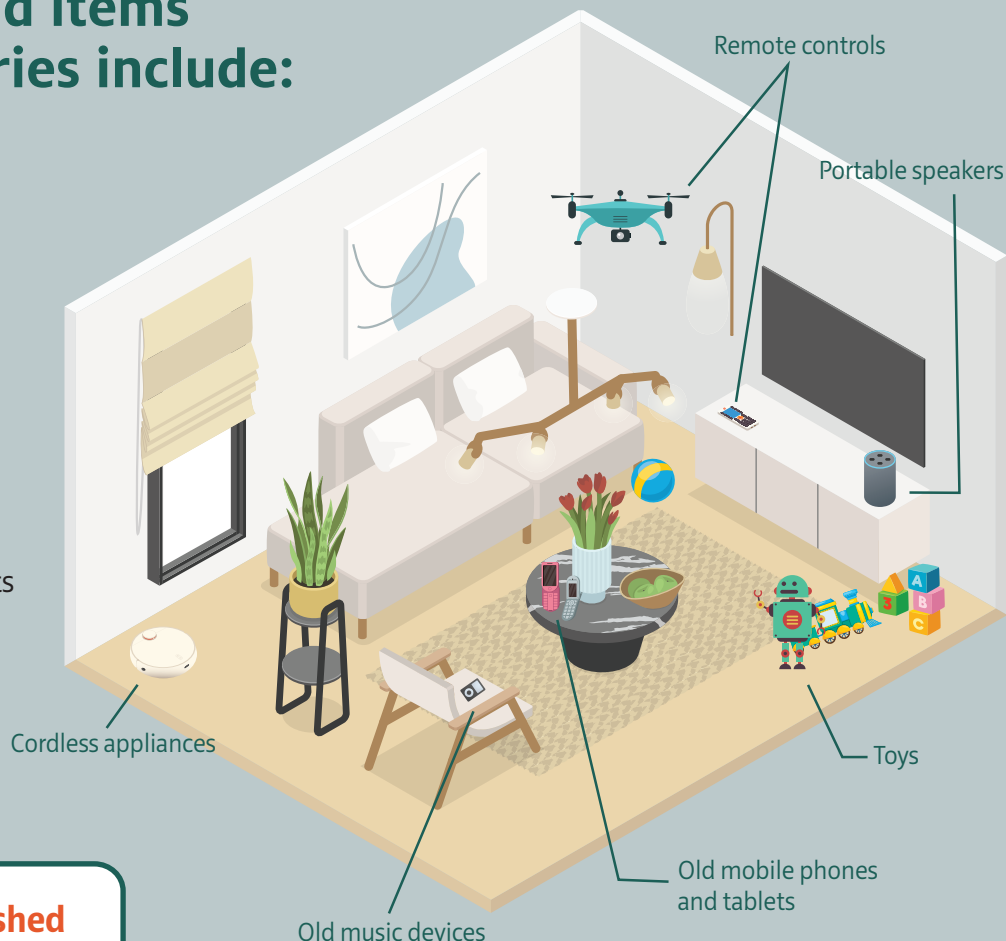
turn the page to discover where to dispose of them safely.



Common household items with hidden batteries include:

- Cameras
 - Fitness trackers
 - Power tools and cordless appliances
 - Electric toothbrushes
 - Old mobile phones and tablets
 - Remote controls and toys
 - Portable speakers
- and more!

Keeping batteries and battery-powered items out of the bin prevents fires and reduces the risk to people and our environment.



Recycle Right has a great rule:

" If it buzzed, hummed, flashed or charged, it's got a battery "

and does not belong in the bin.

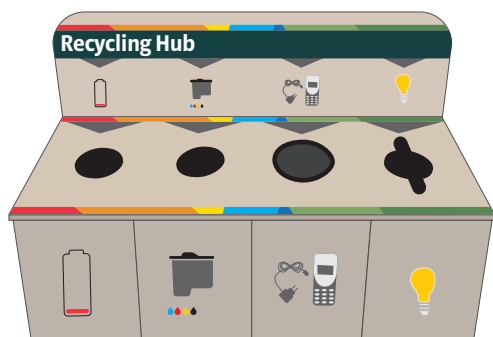
? Where to dispose safely ?

There are plenty of free, public access points to discard of old batteries:

- Most supermarkets
- Bunnings
- City libraries
Kalamunda, High Wycombe and Lesmurdie
- Select schools
(please ask your local school if they are signed up with the free Ecocycle program)
- Walliston Transfer Station



Scan the QR code to find the nearest B-cycle drop-off point.



Keeping batteries out of your bins can help



Reduce the risk of fire with toxic fumes



Reduce chemical pollutants in the air



Prevent soil and groundwater pollution



Recycle precious metals such as lithium, mercury and copper



Scan the QR code to find out more.