

# Battery Identification Guide for Common Household Batteries

Avoiding the spark keeps people and property safe. It's also good for the planet as trashed batteries can increase the risk for fires, leak potentially hazardous materials into the waste stream and increase the need to mine for virgin materials. Be battery safety smart by individually bagging or taping all used batteries before dropping at a convenient Collier County center.

## Ni-MH



**Type:** Rechargeable  
**Name on battery:** Ni-MH  
**Seal color:** Orange



### Nickel-Metal Hydride

Performs well in high drain devices and can be recharged up to 1,000 times.

**Products that may use or contain Nickel-Metal Hydride batteries:**

**Power Tools**



**Two-Way Radios**



**Digital Cameras**



**Cordless Phones**



## Ni-Cd



**Type:** Rechargeable  
**Name on battery:** Ni-Cd  
**Seal color:** Green



### Nickel Cadmium

Can be recharged up to 1,000 times and contains Cadmium, which can be toxic to the environment and should be recycled.

**Products that may use or contain Nickel Cadmium batteries:**

**Power Tools**



**Two-Way Radios**



**Digital Cameras**



**Cordless Phones**



## SSLA/Pb



**Type:** Rechargeable  
**Name on battery:** SSLA/Pb  
**Seal color:** Gray



### Small Sealed Lead Acid

Simple to manufacture and have one of the lowest discharge rates of any rechargeable battery.

**Products that may use or contain Small Sealed Lead Acid batteries:**

**Emergency Devices**



**Ride-On Toys**



**Security Systems**



**Mobility Scooters**



**UPS Back-Ups**



### Li-Ion



**Type:** Rechargeable  
**Name on battery:** Li-Ion  
**Seal color:** Blue



### Lithium Ion

Has excellent performance in high drain devices, though it can be considered expensive.

**Products that may use or contain Lithium Ion batteries:**

Power Tools



Cellphones



Laptops



Power Banks



Toys



### Primary



**Type:** Non-Rechargeable  
**Name on battery:**  
alkaline, lithium, zinc-air,  
zinc-carbon, zinc-chloride,  
CR/SR/LR (button batteries)

### Primary/Single-Use

Primary/Single-Use batteries cannot be recharged and must be disposed of once they wear out. Alkaline, lithium, silver oxide, zinc-air, zinc-carbon, and zinc-chloride are all types of primary batteries.

**Products that may use or contain primary/single-use batteries:**

Flashlights



Clocks & Watches



Smoke Detectors



Remote Controls



Toys



**For more safety information:**

[avoidthespark.com](http://avoidthespark.com)

**Find a list of battery drop-off centers at:**

[Colliercountyfl.gov/dispose](http://Colliercountyfl.gov/dispose)



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