



# Town of Swampscott

## OFFICE OF THE Health Department

### TRASH & RECYCLING DIVISION

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## Battery / Cellphone Recycling

Note: Lead Acid Batteries are banned from landfills (MA-DEP) and will not be picked up curbside

### Button Cell Batteries

Button cell batteries are found in small devices such as watches, cameras, calculators hearing aids and digital organizers. Residents of Swampscott can drop off these items in the “Button Cell recycling box” located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall, outside of the Health Department office.

### Re-chargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries *\*\*up to 2 lb. size only\*\**

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA-Pb)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-Zn)

Any rechargeable battery listed above (weighing less than 2 lbs.) may be dropped off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall outside of the Health Department office. Due to fire concerns each battery must be placed in a plastic bag individually (bags are attached to the disposal box, or you can do it at home before coming in).

DO NOT bring in alkaline batteries!!!

They are not rechargeable and not recyclable currently.

### Batteries Plus Bulbs stores located in Danvers and Saugus

These stores will take back all batteries listed above and heavier batteries (Lead acid - car). Contact stores for more details. They will also take back light bulbs and ballasts. Call ahead in case there is a fee.

### Cellphones

Cellphones may be dropped off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Town Hall outside of the Health Department office. Place phone in plastic bag provided and place in battery/cellphone box.

#### TIP:

We recommend that you remove the personal information on your phone, although it is not required. In the recycling process, the memory on the phones is destroyed and reusable materials are recycled before they are resold. If you want to remove the information from your phone, you can consult your cellphone user manual, manufacturer's web site or contact one of our processors The Wireless Alliance to learn [how to erase your data](#).