

UCDH Battery Recycling Program

- Batteries are hazardous waste, and cannot be thrown into trash, red bags, or sharps containers. Our recycling program lets us handle batteries under criteria less stringent than that for hazardous wastes, as long as we follow the rules.
- EH&S can accept all types of batteries except wet/lead/acid (automotive batteries), which can generally be handled by Fleet Services. Clinical Engineering manages sealed lead-acid batteries.

To recycle batteries:

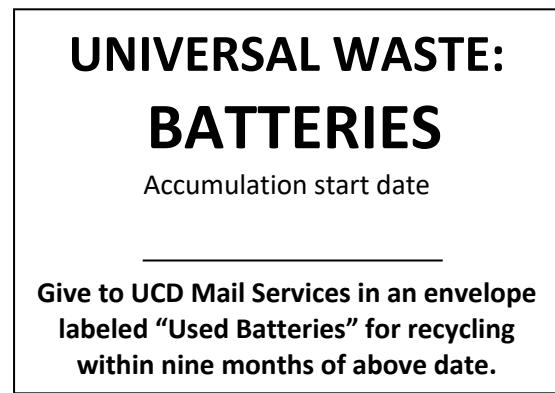
- Establish a collection station. Containers are available through Infor Lawson: item # is 119367 and the item description is Cont. Battery Recycling Poly. *EH&S does not provide containers.*
- The container must be labeled with language as shows below. Recommended is Avery 2"x4" mailing labels, such as 5163.
- The “Accumulation Start Date” is the date the first battery is placed in the container.
- Fill out a battery waste pick up request form online: visit the Environmental Health and Safety website (<http://Safety>) and click on Battery Pick Up Request under Quick Links.
- From the Medical Center campus, request a pickup within nine months of the accumulation start date. EH&S will take the entire container and will not leave a replacement.

***** Dissimilar battery chemistries should be prevented from contacting each other using individual plastic bags or by placing electrical tape over the terminals.*****

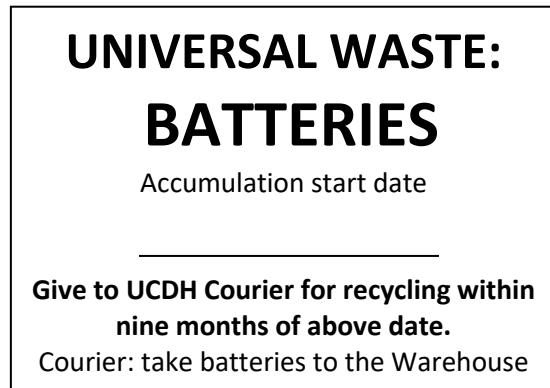


For off-Med Center locations, such as PCN Clinics, proceed as above, but:

- For a few batteries at a time, within nine months of the accumulation start date, package them in a sturdy envelope labeled “Used Batteries” and place them in outgoing UCD mail. Mail Services will take the envelope to the recycling facility at campus. These envelopes should be less than one pound. Use the label shown below.



- For larger quantities of batteries, within nine months of the accumulation start date, or when the container is full, give the container to the UCDH courier, who will deliver it to the Warehouse. When the batteries are picked up, label a new container with a new start date. Use the label shown below.



Questions? Contact EH&S at 734-2740