

HOW TO PACKAGE BATTERIES

Properly packing batteries protects against fires from certain batteries rubbing against each other. It also helps our staff safely and efficiently sort your batteries to be recycled.

Place lithium and lithium ion batteries (see below) in a separate container from other batteries. Check the battery's label – if it says Lithium, Lithium Ion, Li, Li-Ion, or Li-on, it is a lithium battery.

EXAMPLES OF LITHIUM/LITHIUM ION BATTERIES:



Lithium Button
Batteries



Electronics
Batteries



CR123 Batteries
(like a AA but short)



Lithium AA/AAA

To prevent fire, tape the terminals (ends) of the following types of batteries using clear tape:

- Lithium/lithium-ion batteries
- All batteries over 9 volts
- All lead acid (automotive) batteries



Damaged, defective, or recalled lithium batteries (see left) can explode or catch fire. For your safety, if you have a damaged lithium battery, place it **outside** in a zip-lock bag, place the bag in a sturdy container (like a coffee can) and fill the container with cat litter. If you are a Washtenaw County resident, call **734-222-3950** as soon as possible to arrange disposal of a damaged lithium/lithium ion battery. Otherwise, contact your

local government's solid waste program.