



As of January 1, 2024, Seattle announced a [new rule](#) that residents are not allowed to dispose of batteries and electronics in the garbage.

Batteries and electronics require special handling and disposal for safety. They may also contain materials that can be recycled.

The ban applies to batteries and electronics as well as products with embedded batteries like small gadgets, toys, computers, monitors, and electronic bikes.



How to properly dispose of batteries and electronics in Seattle

Battery Disposal Options:

- Free drop off at the [Household Hazardous Waste Facilities](#): North Hazardous Waste Facility (12550 Stone Avenue North) and South Hazardous Waste Facility (8100 2nd Ave S)
- Any location listed on [Call2Recycle.org](#) or [E-cycle WA locations](#)
- Residents can also schedule a special item pickup at home for a fee: \$5 for batteries, \$20 for a Special Items box (batteries, small appliances, etc.), or \$30 for larger electronics (TVs larger than 2 ft.)
- Free drop off at the [Transfer stations](#): North Transfer Station (1350 North 24th Street) and South Transfer Station (130 South Kenyon Street)

If a battery is damaged or defective, customers should drop off at a [Household Hazardous Waste Management](#) facility (free of charge).

Electronics Disposal Options

- Free drop off: North Transfer Station (1350 North 24th Street) or [E-cycle WA](#) locations
- At home: request a [Special Item Pickup](#) (\$20 for Special Items box, \$30 for TVs larger than 2 ft.)

Why is there a ban on batteries and electronics in the garbage?

- Batteries and electronics can be dangerous and cause fires. Batteries are the leading cause of fires at our Transfer stations.
- Batteries can leak acid and metals when being handled in the waste stream and harm the environment.

Your help makes Seattle a leader in waste management and your actions help protect the environment!