



# PREPARING BATTERIES FOR RECYCLING

## SORT

Use the guide below to separate batteries by type. Remove rechargeable batteries from the device they are in if it is possible and safe to do so.

## TAPE

Use clear tape to cover both terminals (ends) of all lithium and rechargeable batteries. **Taping decreases fire risks.** Alkaline batteries do not need to be taped.

## RECYCLE

After taping lithium and rechargeable batteries, store them in a container in a cool dry place until you take them to a recycling facility.

## NO TAPE



## ALKALINE

Most single-use batteries are alkaline.

Find them in:

- flashlights
- toys
- remote controls
- smoke detectors
- other electronics

## COVER ENDS WITH CLEAR TAPE



## LITHIUM

Lithium batteries are single use and will be labeled "Lithium" or "CR."

Find them in:

- watches
- key fobs
- toys
- other small electronics



## RECHARGEABLE

Rechargeable batteries are found in cordless or mobile devices that you recharge.

Find them in:

- power tools
- toys
- cell phones
- other electronics



For more information about battery safety and how to recycle batteries properly, scan the QR code or visit [larimer.org/solidwaste/batteries](http://larimer.org/solidwaste/batteries).