

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- 1. Try to minimise battery usage by connecting appliances to the mains power where possible.
- 2. Use rechargeable batteries whenever possible.
- 3. When giving a gift that requires batteries, provide rechargeable batteries and a battery charger as part of the gift.
- 4. Start a battery collection box in your workplace or school to keep batteries out of the red bin.
- 5. Deposit batteries at one of the Battery Recycling Program drop-off locations available to residents of the Macarthur region.

## **DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

#### **CAMDEN COUNCIL**

70 Central Ave, Oran Park

#### **CAMDEN LIBRARY**

40 John St. Camden

#### **NARELLAN LIBRARY**

Cnr Queen and Elyard Sts, Narellan

#### **CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE**

Cnr Queen and Broughton Sts, Campbelltown

## WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL CIVIC CENTRE

62-64 Menangle St, Picton

#### MACARTHUR CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING

1 Mount Annan Dr. Mount Annan

# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL

CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL 4645 4000
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# WHAT GOES IN THE WHITE BIN?



# **FACTSHEET**















AUSTRALIANS USE THOUSANDS OF TONNES OF BATTERIES EVERY YEAR, MOST OF WHICH END UP IN LANDFILL. THIS IS A PROBLEM BECAUSE A WIDE RANGE OF BATTERY TYPES CONTAIN TOXIC METALS SUCH AS CADMIUM, MERCURY AND LEAD, AND OVER TIME, THE CHEMICALS IN THESE BATTERIES CAN BE TOXIC TO THE ENVIRONMENT. OTHER BATTERY TYPES CONTAIN VALUABLE MATERIALS LIKE MAGNESIUM AND ZINC, WHICH CAN BE RECYCLED FOR FUTURE USES.

BY SUPPORTING THIS BATTERY RECYCLING PROGRAM YOU WILL BE DOING YOUR PART TO HELP REDUCE THE NUMBER OF BATTERIES THAT END UP IN LANDFILL.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** Is the Battery Recycling Program free? Yes, this service is free for the community. Please note this service is not available to businesses.

**Question:** What size batteries are eligible under the program?

This program is designed for household battery sizes – AAA, AA, C, D and 9V. Provided the batteries are household sizes, any chemistry type (Alkaline, Super Heavy Duty, Lithium or Rechargeable) is acceptable.

Example of acceptable battery sizes:



Question: How can I recycle other battery sizes?

#### **Car batteries**

Most car workshops, scrap metal dealers and waste facilities will accept used car batteries for recycling (fee may apply). If purchasing a new battery, check with your car battery vendor to recycle the old battery.

#### Mobile phone batteries

Mobile phones and their batteries can be properly disposed of and recycled via mobile phone retailers or the Mobile Muster program.

Visit www.mobilemuster.com.au for details of your nearest drop-off location.

For all other battery related questions, visit the Planet Ark Recycling Near You website at recyclingnearyou. com.au, or speak to your local council's waste management team.

**Question:** Can I bring back any brand of batteries? **Answer:** Yes. The Battery Recycling Program is suitable for any battery brand.

**Question:** Is there a limit to the number of batteries I can deposit at one time?

**Answer:** No, there is no limit to the number of batteries deposited.

**Question:** What happens to the batteries after they get collected?

**Answer:** The batteries are collected by a specialist recycling company. The battery processing facility de-energises and granulates the batteries for further separation and extraction of hazardous chemicals and relevant materials for re-use in accordance with legislative requirements.