

Disposal of Batteries and Fluorescent Lights

Dry cell batteries and fluorescent lights may contain mercury or other harmful components, so please refer to the disposal information on this page, and get rid of these items properly.

Please bring business waste to the Tanko Regional Sanitation Center or contact a licensed collection contractor.

Where to Dispose of Dry Cell Batteries and Fluorescent Lights

Public institutions and shops have installed collection boxes for disposal. Maesawa, Isawa, and Koromogawa also take dry cell batteries and/or fluorescent lights at some of their garbage collecting stations. Traditional incandescent light bulbs, halogen lamps, glow switch starters, and broken fluorescent lights are to be wrapped in paper and placed with non-burnables.

Public Institutions

Facility name	Dry cell batteries?	Fluorescent lights?
Main City Hall (front entrance)	Yes	Yes
Esashi Gen. Branch Office (west doorway for holidays/evenings)	Yes	Yes
Maesawa Gen. Branch Office (1 st floor Citizens' Hall)	Yes	Yes
Isawa Gen. Branch Office (front entrance)	Yes	No
Koromogawa Health & Welfare Center (in front of the east connection road)	Yes	No
Mizusawa Community Center	Yes	Yes
Mizusawa Minami Community Center	Yes	Yes
Tokiwa Community Center	Yes	Yes
Sakurakawa Community Center	Yes	Yes
Shinjo Community Center	Yes	Yes
Anetai Community Center	Yes	Yes
Hada Community Center	Yes	Yes
Kuroishi Community Center	Yes	Yes
Iwayado Community Center	Yes	Yes
Esashi Odaki Community Center	Yes	Yes
Tawara Community Center	Yes	Yes
Fujisato Community Center	Yes	Yes
Ide Community Center	Yes	Yes
Yonesato Community Center	Yes	Yes
Tamasato Community Center	Yes	Yes
Yanagawa Community Center	Yes	Yes
Hirose Community Center	Yes	Yes
Inase Community Center	Yes	Yes

Shops

Franchise name	Shop location	Dry cell batteries?	Fluorescent lights?
Iwate Co-op	Co-op Aterui	Yes	No
JOIS	Mizusawa Haranaka	Yes	No
	Mizusawa Sakurakawa	Yes	No
	Ryugababa	Yes	No
Universe	Mizusawa Hitaka	Yes	Yes
K Mart		Yes	No
K's Denki	Oshu Mizusawa Main Branch	Yes	Yes
Mizusawa RadiCon		Yes	No
Oikawa Electronics Co.		Yes	No
Onodera Electric		Yes	No
Chiba Nao Shop		Yes	No
Video Sound Circle		Yes	No
Panaden		Yes	No
Midori Optics		Yes	No

Other Batteries

The way to dispose of batteries is different, depending on the battery type.

Coin Batteries

Coin batteries are thin, small, round, silver batteries that are about the size of a 1 yen coin in diameter. If the type mark starts with “BR” or “CR,” dispose of them as non-burnable garbage.

Button Batteries

Button batteries are thick, small, round, silver batteries that are the size of a button on a business shirt. Please use the collection areas at shops that cooperate with the Battery Association of Japan.

[About Button Battery Collection](#)

Small Rechargeable Batteries

Small rechargeable batteries are batteries that can be used multiple times after being charged, that are used in cordless home electronics, electric bicycles, and similar. Power banks are a type of rechargeable battery.

Please use the collection areas at shops that cooperate with the Japan Battery Recycling Center (JBRC.) Oshu City Hall and local branch offices have also begun doing collections, so please use these areas too.

Note: Swollen items, or things that aren't collected by JBRC, don't have a decided pathway to disposal. Until they do, individuals should keep these items in a metal or glass box.

[JBRC homepage](#)

List of Stores that Cooperate with Battery Collection

Franchise name	Shop location	Button batteries?	Small rechargeable batteries?
K's Denki	Oshu Mizusawa Main Branch	Yes	Yes
Yamada Denki	Yamada Outlet Mizusawa	Yes	Yes
Hard-Off	Oshu Mizusawa	No	Yes
Komeri	Hard & Green Mizusawa Ogane	Yes	No
	Hard & Green Anetai	Yes	No
	Hard & Green Isawa	Yes	No
	Komeri Power Mizusawa	Yes	Yes
DCM	Mizusawa	Yes	Yes
	Esashi	Yes	Yes
	Maesawa	Yes	Yes
Sunday	Mizusawa Hitaka	Yes	Yes
	Mizusawa Sakurakawa	Yes	Yes
	Home Mart Isawa	Yes	Yes
Paris Miki Glasses	Mizusawa	Yes	No
Aizawa Glasses	Mizusawa Tokiwa St.	Yes	No
Iwate Rion Hearing Aid Center	Mizusawa	Yes	No
AEON Tohoku	AEON Maesawa	No	Yes
Mizusawa RadiCon		No	Yes
Yawata Electronics		Yes	Yes
Ito Electronics		Yes	No
Megane Ichiba	Mizusawa	Yes	No
Takamasa Shop		No	Yes
Nimanendo	Mizusawa	Yes	No