

About Small Rechargeable Batteries

Small Rechargeable Batteries Are Now Being Collected

Small rechargeable batteries, such as lithium-ion batteries, have been getting mixed in with household waste and causing fires in waste management facilities and collection trucks all across Japan. Because of this, Oshu has begun to collect small rechargeable batteries from households that no longer need them, in order to promote proper disposal of garbage as well as recycling.

Examples

Various small rechargeable batteries



Source: JBRC. These marks are a guideline.



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How to Dispose

In Oshu, collection takes place at Oshu City Hall, Esashi Gen. Branch Office, Maesawa Gen. Branch Office, Isawa Gen. Branch Office, and Koromogawa Gen. Branch Office. Please insulate with electric tape or similar before disposing. Degraded or bloated items, or items that aren't under the JBRC umbrella, will not be collected. (If there is no recycle mark, it is likely to be ineligible.) Dry cell batteries have a separate collection box, so please be sure not to mix them up.

Collection locations:

- Oshu City Hall (front entrance)
- Esashi Gen. Branch Office (west doorway)
- Maesawa Gen. Branch Office (hall)
- Isawa Gen. Branch Office (front entrance)
- Koromogawa Gen. Branch Office (hall)
- Collection boxes



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About the Handling of Small Rechargeable Batteries

What is a small rechargeable battery?

This is a small, lightweight battery that can be charged and reused, as opposed to typical disposable batteries. Types include lithium-ion batteries, nickel-cadmium batteries, nickel-metal hydride batteries, and others.

Small rechargeable batteries are mainly made from nickel (Ni), cadmium (Cd), cobalt (Co), and other scarce resources. As of April 2001, they were identified as Designated Recycling Products under the Law for the Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources, and so small rechargeable battery manufacturers, manufacturers that use small rechargeable batteries, and their import companies are required to gather and recycle them, as well as display recycle marks on the batteries.

Where are they collected?

Small rechargeable batteries are collected and recycled at shops (electronics stores, home centers, etc.) that cooperate with recycling via JBRC. Collections are accepted at the rechargeable batteries recycling box, set up at cooperating shops.

There are over 20,000 cooperating shops in Japan. For details about what may be collected and nearby shops, please see JBRC website.

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