

Swansea University

Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN15 Batteries

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Batteries	
Location Generated	Various
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Type	Hazardous
Disposal Method	Segregated for recycling / reuse
Bin/ Bag Type	Battery Bins

Duty of Care Requirements

Any business or public body that generates waste materials should apply the waste hierarchy to all streams in order to minimise the amount of waste sent for disposal. In practice, this means ensuring all wastes are segregated at source and disposed of via the correct stream. General municipal waste should therefore be the last option for waste.

The University has committed to segregating its waste at source and focusing on separating key recycling streams; cans, paper, plastics, food and glass. Segregation at source improves recyclate quality and also adheres to the Waste Regulations (England and Wales) 2011. The Regulations stipulate that materials such as paper, metal, plastic and glass must be collected separately if it is necessary to encourage high quality of the recycling of the material

Classified as hazardous, it is a legal requirement for batteries to be segregated from all other wastes, under the Hazardous Waste Regulation and batteries disposal falls under the WEEE & Waste Battery Regulations. As they are composed of important resources and chemicals, including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury, it is important they are not placed into landfill. Each battery recycled will be taken apart and many of the materials will be recovered and used to make new batteries. The University has established a used battery collection system to ensure batteries procured by all College and PSUs can be recycled.

Disposal Instructions

Battery recycling points are located in key building reception areas across both the singleton park and Bay campus. Locations are listed on page 2.

Please only place the standard batteries outlined below into battery recycling bins provided.



Figure 1 – Battery types accepted and Battery Bin

To have a battery recycling bin/tube emptied, place a works order via the [Help Desk portal](#). If there is a battery leaking in your battery bin email estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk for further advice.

Waste batteries cannot be placed into internal or external non-recycling or recycling bins.

Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University's waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Colleges/PSUs.

Labelling

See template

For further guidance please contact estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk

Battery Recycling Points

Singleton Park Campus

Talbot building – Estates Helpdesk
Faraday building – SU Reception
Grove building – Main Reception
Singleton Main Library
Preseli Building – Main Reception

Bay Campus

Engineering central – Main Reception
Bay Library
Nanhyfer – Estates Help Desk
Tesco supermarket
Rod Jones Reception - UPP Office

*This list is often updated and if printed may be out of date

