

# Swansea University

## Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN15 Batteries

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<b>Batteries</b>	
Location Generated	Various
EWC	20-01-33*
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

To order a waste battery bin, please place a works order via the [Help Desk](#) portal. Please only place the standard batteries outlined below into the bin provided.

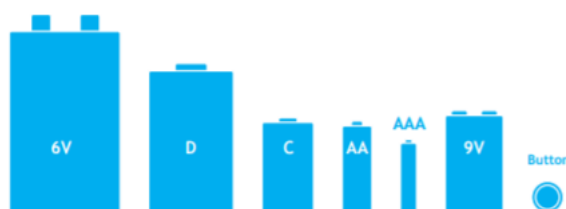


Figure 1 – Battery types accepted and Battery Bin

For a battery bin collection, or replacement, 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](mailto: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. However individuals can minimise cost and contribute the University's target to achieve 63% diversion rate away EFW or landfill by utilising the general waste stream only when required.

**Labelling**

See template

**For further guidance please contact [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)**

