

Regulations and laws pertaining to the recycling and disposal of lithium ion batteries vary from country to country as well as by state and local governments. The European governments have more strict regulations on the disposal of rechargeable batteries than the USA and Canada.

## You need to check the laws and regulations for each state of origin of disposal.

There are a number of facilities that recycle Lithium Ion batteries. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation's web site, <a href="www.rbrc.org">www.rbrc.org</a>, is an excellent source for finding a facility to handle these types of batteries.

Remember that before any type of disposal the batteries should be discharged completely. Tape the contacts with electrical tape and package so as to prevent contacts accidentally coming together at any time. These batteries can be incinerated if you have a large quantity and they will need to be packaged as lithium ion batteries. Incineration must be performed by an approved and permitted waste treatment facility that handles lithium ion batteries. You must contact the waste treatment facility and verify if they are permitted or not.

For home disposal, many stores offer free recycling of rechargeable batteries. If no outlet is available in your area, it is safe to dispose of these batteries in your regular trash. As always, you must check with your State and Local Agencies to make sure that this is acceptable.

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