

## Recycling lithium batteries

When lithium-ion batteries end up in landfills, they can create a toxic liquid called leachate, which forms when rainwater filters through waste. This leachate carries harmful chemicals and battery materials from the batteries, which can seep into the soil and contaminate groundwater.

Not only do these chemicals poison water sources, but they can also acidify the water, harming local ecosystems in a way similar to acid rain. This damage impacts plant and animal life, often leading to long-term ecological consequences.

Inappropriate battery disposal of lithium-ion batteries discarded in landfills can cause profound and lasting environmental damage. That's why it's so important to manage these batteries responsibly by ensuring they go through a proper recycling process. Doing so not only protects human health and reduces fire risks but also safeguards our groundwater and ecosystems from contamination.

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