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All consumer single use or rechargeable batteries weighing less than 5 kg each can be recycled. These include batteries used to power cordless tools, mobile and cordless phones, laptop computers, digital cameras, flashlights, watches and other products.

Batteries contain a number of heavy metals and toxic chemicals. By recycling batteries, you divert waste from landfills, help reduce the risk of soil contamination and water pollution, and reduce the need for raw materials to manufacture new products.

Batteries and cellphones are separated by type and then forwarded for recycling. The recycling facility processes the reusable metals from the batteries and prepares them for use in new products such as batteries, a variety of stainless steel products and cement additives.

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When it's safe and easy to do so, remove portable batteries from your electrical and electronic items such as radios and remote controls, and dispose of these at your local recycling centre or another collection point. You can often place them out to be collected from your home as part of your usual recycling collection if your local council offers this service.

Deciding to recycle items is just the first step. You also want to make sure the items are recycled correctly. Below you will find common recyclables and related recycling information. For general tips on how to recycle correctly, visit [Recycling 101](#).



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