

Why is battery recycling important?

Batteries have a significant environmental impact throughout the products life-cycle, from the commencement of production to the disposal. By recycling batteries, we are limiting the environmental impact caused by the production of new batteries, the extraction and processing of materials used to produce batteries, and the impacts caused by landfill disposal.

Batteries cannot be recycled using household recycling bins, nor should they be disposed of in household garbage bins to maximise resource recovery.

Where can I recycle my batteries?

You can drop your batteries off at any of Murrindindi Shire Council's Resource Recovery Centres free of charge:

- ✓ Alexandra
- ✓ Yea
- ✓ Eildon
- ✓ Kinglake
- ✓ Marysville

Batteries which are accepted are:

- ✓ Automotive/machinery batteries
- ✓ Household dry cell
- ✓ Lithium /rechargeable



What happens to my battery after I drop it off for recycling?

After collection, batteries are transported to Australian Scrap Battery Collection in Campbellfield. The batteries are then broken apart, and materials separated, where around 98% of materials are recovered and recycled for use in other products ¹.

For more information/references:

¹ Clean Up Australia 2010, *Battery Recycling Factsheet*, Royal Exchange NSW, viewed 5th January 2016, <https://www.cleanup.org.au/PDF/au/cua_battery_recycling_factsheet.pdf>.

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