Battery Recycling and Reuse

Batteries contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals. Proper disposal is required to avoid contaminating water and soil with toxic metals and other substances.

WHY DO WE RECYCLE BATTERIES?

- We recycle to reduce lead content in the air and ground.
- We recycle because battery components are considered toxic and can pose a serious threat to human and environmental health.
- We recycle to avoid improper disposal that can pose a serious threat to human environmental health.

WHAT TYPES OF BATTERIES NEED TO BE RECYCLED?

Batteries come in all different types, shapes, and sizes, but almost all of them contain hazardous materials that make them dangerous when they are not disposed of properly.

These types are the most important to recycle:
• Silver “button” batteries (used in watches, toys, remote controls).
• Rechargeable batteries (used in phones, computers, power tools, etc.).
• Automotive and marine batteries (used in transportation and cargo vehicles).

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY BATTERIES AFTER THEY ARE COLLECTED?

Qatar is soon opening a new battery-recycling factory called Rassas.

The Facilities Management department will contact them and arrange for our batteries to be picked up for recycling

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

One way to reduce your eWaste stream is to buy rechargeable batteries. Over its lifespan, each rechargeable battery can replace hundreds of single-use batteries. 

Georgetown is now providing rechargeable AA and AAA batteries for office use. Faculty and staff can contact their departmental administrator for them.