



**LANDFILL OF
NORTH IOWA**



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Battery Collection at LNI





So what can *you* do with them?

- Safely collect and store batteries:
 - Keep similar batteries together
 - If ends are exposed, place electrical tape over ends
 - Do not store near combustible materials or chemicals



- The Landfill of North Iowa has a premier Hazardous Waste Collection facility that accepts all batteries from businesses and residents
- Appointments can be made for qualifying businesses to drop off at the facility for a fee



Residential Battery Collection

- The Landfill of North Iowa collects single-use, rechargeable, and automotive batteries from residents for free. Any type of batteries household or vehicle can be dropped off anytime in the scale office or on the pallet in front of the Regional Collection Center (Household Hazardous Waste) Building.



- Other convenient drop-off locations include:
 - **HUBER SUPPLY**
 - **ACE HARDWARE** in Clear Lake & Mason City
 - **Clear Lake & Mason City Fire Departments**
 - **Clear Lake Library**



What happens to batteries after dropping them off for recycling?

- They are sorted and safely secured until they can be sent to a facility for processing.
- From there, the batteries are broken down into their various components: plastic, rubber, acid, and metals.
- The plastic is melted and cut into pellets and used for new products.
- The rubber cases are used as an additive in the smelting process.
- Battery acid is neutralized, then broken down into the water and a salt compound.
- Metals — cadmium, cobalt, lead and nickel — are reclaimed and used for making new batteries, among other things.



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