

Iowa DNR/Household Hazardous Materials

Material: Batteries: Lead Acid

Potential Hazards: Lead acid batteries are used in large equipment and machinery (e.g. cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles) and for stationary stand-by power. Small sealed lead acid batteries may be found in home alarm systems or remote control cars. Lead acid batteries contain toxic materials that are hazardous to human and environmental health.

Recycle/Reuse: In Iowa, it is illegal to dispose of lead acid batteries in the garbage or trash. Section 455D.10 of the Code of Iowa prohibits land disposal of lead acid batteries. The law also requires that retailers accept your old lead acid battery at the point of sale, when you buy a new one. You may also recycle lead acid batteries at your local Regional Collection Center, find yours at iowadnr.gov/hhm under the RCC tab.

Proper Disposal: It is against Iowa law for lead acid batteries to be disposed of in the garbage or trash, they must be recycled.