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## Find a Power Tool Battery Recycler Near You Using Online Tool

Simply enter ZIP code at Power Tool Institute's battery safety website to jump start your search for recyclers

September 2024 - An important part of responsible power tool ownership is to appropriately dispose of rechargeable batteries at the end of their service life. Yes, lithium-ion batteries have revolutionized power tools and other devices by providing long-lasting, reliable power. However, no battery lasts forever. When it's time to discard a rechargeable battery, don't be tempted to throw it out with your regular household trash. It must be recycled.

Recycling a battery is easier than you think. To make it easier still, the Power Tool Institute (PTI), the leading organization for power tool safety resources, information and education, has now linked its dedicated battery safety website to an



online tool that can help power tool owners find authorized battery recycling drop-off points in their own communities. You might be surprised by how many options you have.

To access the feature, visitors to <u>PTI's battery safety website</u> simply go to the "Disposal" tab and enter their ZIP code. After clicking "Go," they will be taken directly to Call2Recycle®'s website and a customized list of appropriate disposal sites in their area. To try it out, visit <a href="https://www.takechargeofyourbattery.com/disposal/">https://www.takechargeofyourbattery.com/disposal/</a>.

Why should you recycle your lithium-ion batteries instead of tossing them in the trash? Improper disposal can expose batteries to extreme heat, liquids, crushing, short circuits, and other hazards that could cause potential fire hazards at waste-handling facilities and landfills, and contaminate the water supply. Recycling these batteries conserves natural resources, prevents them from entering the solid waste stream and, ultimately, preserves our environment.

Meanwhile, many common materials used in batteries can be extracted as part of the recycling process. They can be re-used for future batteries and other products. Typically, higher yields of usable material are achieved from recycled battery material than from mining natural resources, making recycled batteries an efficient source of future energy. For example, one ton of battery-grade lithium can be derived from 28 tons of batteries, whereas it would take 250 tons of ore to yield the same amount.

The benefits of battery recycling are clear. For more information on power tool battery safety, visit <a href="https://www.takechargeofyourbattery.com/">https://www.takechargeofyourbattery.com/</a>.

For more information on PTI, visit https://www.powertoolinstitute.com/.

## **About PTI**

With the vision to unify and educate others about power tools, since its founding in 1968, the Power Tool Institute (PTI) has established itself as the leading organization for building global understanding of power tools and for maintaining high standards of safety in the industry. Its members, a list of whom can be found here, represent market-leading brands in the areas of portable and stationary power tools. PTI's members are

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committed to improving the industry and to being the premier resource for power tool education. For more information, contact PTI 216-241-7333 or <a href="mailto:pti@powertoolinstitute.com">pti@powertoolinstitute.com</a>. On the Web: <a href="https://www.PowerToolInstitute.com">www.PowerToolInstitute.com</a> and <a href="https://www.TakeChargeOfYourBattery.com">www.TakeChargeOfYourBattery.com</a>.

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