

## 2021 Required Newsletter Article

### **Batteries are hot right now – and not in a good way**

Batteries – mostly lithium ion – are causing fires daily at waste and recycling facilities across the U.S. When your batteries, cell phone or other battery-powered gadgets are dead, don't toss them in the trash or recycling carts.

Bring all types of batteries and electronic devices to The Recycling Zone in Eagan. Tape both ends of each battery with any kind of tape. This prevents short circuiting and a possible fire if a battery end touches another battery or metal object. Use a container such as a cardboard box that can be left at The Recycling Zone and put it in your trunk or back seat. Stay in your vehicle while dropping off and let staff unload for you.



Other items accepted at The Recycling Zone include:

- Automotive products like motor oil and gas
- Computers, TVs and other electronics
- Paints and stains
- Household cleaners
- Yard and garden chemicals

The Recycling Zone, 3365 Dodd Road, Eagan, is open all year long, four days a week. For a complete list of accepted items and drop-off hours, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *Recycling Zone*.

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