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And with car batteries it's even more important not to do this (and in fact, it's illegal to do so). Even apart from the harmful effect on the environment, it would be a huge safety hazard to do this.

Get acquainted with [recyclenow](#) . They have a postcode checker, where you can enter your postcode to check if there's a tip in your area that can accept 12V vehicle batteries. Access it [here](#).

Take your battery to your local Halford's branch, and they'll take care of the recycling process for you. [Here's](#) where to find your nearest Halford's branch.

County Battery are another car battery retailer who can help to recycle and dispose of an old car battery. They're an approved battery exporter, and hazardous waste registered, so you're in safe hands.

Otherwise, you'll have to take it into one of their branches. Unfortunately, they're smaller than Halfords, with only 3 branches around Nottingham. So this is only a realistic option if you live around there. [Here's](#) where to check their store locator.

Make sure to follow the safety tips, because car batteries contain toxic chemicals! Almost all vehicle batteries (apart from EVs) are lead-acid batteries, and the clue's in the name ; they're made of lead, and contain sulphuric acid, as part of the electrolyte.

1.) Before you even begin the process, make sure your battery is actually dead. It could just be flat. Check its health with a car battery tester (here are the UK's best 12V battery testers), which will give you the percentage health status, and a clear indication of whether it's in poor health or not. If not, there may be other clear indications that it's genuinely dead, such as if it's old, and has been failing to hold on to its charge for a while now. For much more info, [here's](#) how to tell if your car battery needs to be replaced.

2.) Wear protective clothing, especially gloves. Battery acid can severely burn your skin if it touches it. The older the car and battery, the more careful you'll want to be. Modern batteries are built with better safety features, but you absolutely should take proper care anyway.

4.) Take a quick visual inspection of the battery before you touch it. If it looks damaged, and that there could be leakage, you're better off calling a professional mechanic or breakdown service engineer to deal with it. Their safety equipment is likely to be superior, as is their knowledge of the best safety practices.

6.) At this stage, once again, check the battery for leaks or damage. If it looks okay, now you can remove it.

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Place it in a strong bag. Make sure to keep it upright at all times. Batteries can be heavy so get some assistance for the lifting part, if needed.

7.) Transport the battery to the local facility you've chosen. Ensure you keep it upright at all times, and it's important to cover the battery terminals so they can't be short circuited by making a connection with something metal.

Don't just take it to the local tip without checking first if they can accept old car batteries! Some of them can, some of them can't. Recycle Now and the UK government website both offer ways to search for such treatment centres in your area.

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