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Single-use batteries (also sometimes called "primary batteries") are batteries that, once they lose their charge, cannot be used again. They are typically alkaline, lithium primary or carbon-zinc batteries. It is important to recycle single-use batteries, not only to save valuable space in the solid waste stream but also to reuse our natural resources. Learn more about battery types here.

Rechargeable batteries are batteries you can use again after their charge runs out. They are designed for long-term use. You either plug them into a charger or they charge while in the device. Some rechargeable batteries can contain hazardous waste materials, such as heavy metals like lead, cadmium and nickel. Rechargeable batteries should always be recycled. Learn more about battery types here.

Single-use batteries are typically found in toys, flashlights, remote controls, smoke alarms, headsets, and some handheld gaming systems. Many common household electronics use rechargeable batteries, including cordless power tools, digital cameras, two-way radios to name just a few.

A dry cell battery is a type of electric battery commonly used for portable electrical devices. A dry cell uses a paste electrolyte, with only enough moisture to allow current to flow. Unlike a wet cell, a dry cell can operate in any orientation without spilling, as it contains no free liquid, making it suitable for portable equipment.

A wet-cell battery is the original type of rechargeable battery. It is commonly found in aviation, electric utilities, energy storage and cellphone towers. The battery contains a liquid electrolyte such as sulfuric acid, a dangerous corrosive liquid that damages what it comes into contact with.

Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! only accepts dry-cell batteries weighing up to 5 kg each. We do not accept wet-cell batteries for recycling. Visit the Canadian Battery Association''s RecycleMyBattery website to find out where you can recycle these batteries.

The Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! program does not accept car batteries for recycling. You can contact your local auto repair/parts store or community solid waste program/transfer stations for recycling information regarding car batteries. The Canadian Battery Association''s RecycleMyBattery website can also help you find a nearby site that accepts car batteries for recycling.

In the regulated provinces of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Prince Edward Island, cell phones and their chargers and accessories can be recycled or refurbished through the Canadian



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Wireless Telecommunications Association program called RecycleMyCell. In other provinces, The Recycle Your Batteries, Canada! program accepts all types of cell phones on a voluntary basis.

Yes. The program also recycles the rechargeable lithium batteries weighing up to 5 kg that are used to power e-bikes and e-scooters. Please note, however, that collection of e-bike and e-scooter batteries can be done only through retail outlets in our collection network that sell e-bikes and e-scooters. For more information about our e-bike and e-scooter collection and recycling program, click here.

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