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We all know that many electrical applications require some sort of battery, but what happens to the old ones once they're replaced? According to [recycle-more .uk](#), we throw away around 600 million batteries per year in the UK alone. That's a lot of batteries, and will also cause a lot of problems. Did you know that it is estimated that every person in the UK goes through around 10 batteries per year? Yet there are still millions being incorrectly disposed of.

So what sort of problems does this create? Well, one of the main issues with not disposing of batteries the correct way is health and safety. While this only really applies to lithium batteries it is still a growing issue. Over the last few years, there have been many incidents at recycling plants resulting in fires, caused by lithium batteries. This could of course cause serious harm or even worse to the people within the recycling plant and even those in the surrounding areas.

Another issue is the effect it has on the environment, if a battery is thrown into a general waste bin and then dumped into a landfill, over time these batteries may leak dangerous chemicals into the ground, potentially polluting the soil and water, this could also cause harm to humans and animals!

Aside from this, the obvious benefit is the fact that recycling batteries is a lot better for the environment. The last thing we want is for old batteries to end up in a landfill. This is why it's very important to correctly recycle your old batteries.

No matter what battery you have, there will always be somewhere nearby to help recycle them. For household batteries such as AAs, AAAs, coin cells etc. you will find a battery recycling bin in most supermarkets and some smaller shops along with battery shops.

For bigger batteries such as car batteries, motorcycle batteries & leisure batteries, you can go to your nearest battery shop or maybe your local garage to get these recycled. If you're in the Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire area, here's where we are:[Store Locator](#)

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