

Do you supply Lead Acid (car) batteries to end users?

You may have obligations under Waste Battery Legislation to take back free of charge waste batteries for recycling



Do you already receive waste batteries back from customers?



Are you using an authorised waste contractor who sends these batteries through a regulated recycling process?

Log onto www.weeeireland.ie and click on the link for lead acid battery contractors to view a list of approved contractors.

Unlawful disposal of waste batteries can cause harm to human health and the environment and those involved could face legal action.

Retailers of automotive and other batteries including garages, dealerships and motor factors all have responsibilities to take back similar batteries free of charge from the public with no obligation to purchase. You should ensure any batteries you take back are only given to authorised waste contractors.

Distributors using contractors on the **WEEE Ireland list** are not required to report directly to the EPA on their waste battery take back as WEEE Ireland reports on all collection and recycling activity to the regulatory bodies.

WEEE Irelands approved list of Lead Acid Waste Battery contractors can be found at www.weeeireland.ie/leadacidbatteries

If distributors choose to give their batteries to contractors acting outside of the compliance scheme then the garage or outlet may be liable for reporting on collection and recycling detail directly to the EPA.

We recommend all outlets maintain records (recycling dockets) on file of where waste batteries have been sent, as this may be requested if visited by an enforcement officer.

Legal posters, retailer registration forms and other guidance documents can be found on www.weeeireland.ie or email info@weeeireland.ie for compliance packs

For consumer information see www.recyclefree.ie

This initiative is funded by Irish importers and distributors of batteries as part of their Producer obligations.