

What can be recycled under this system?

Waste batteries and any household appliance with a plug or a battery can be returned for recycling under this system. This includes large items such as fridges, washing machines, also microwaves, vacuum cleaners, televisions, hairdryers, computers, electrical tools, toys, car batteries, and small items such as electric toothbrushes, clocks, watches, remote controls, energy saving bulbs, AA and button cell batteries. The category listings can be found on www.weeeregister.ie.

Where do I recycle?

A list of Civic Amenity sites where householders can bring WEEE and waste batteries for recycling FREE OF CHARGE can be found on www.weeeireland.ie or ask your Local Authority for details.

If you buy a new electrical appliance don't forget to bring your old one back to that retailer for recycling. You have 15 days to do this so hold onto your receipt and it must be on a like for like basis e.g. buy a new kettle and bring back an old kettle.

If your supplier is delivering out an item such as a fridge or television they must organise to take your similar waste item on a like for like basis free of charge and they must give you 24 hours notice. If you don't have your item ready you can return it yourself to the retailer within 30 days of delivery.

Ensure your old appliances are relatively clean and empty when returning them to your retailer or Civic Amenity Site for recycling. Fridges and freezers should be emptied of food stuffs, defrosted and disconnected from all mains prior to collection. Washing machines should be emptied of water.

Do I need to remove batteries from appliances for recycling?

If the waste batteries can be safely removed from the appliance as per its instructions for use then you can do so and separate the batteries and WEEE for recycling. If in doubt leave the appliance with batteries intact and take back to an authorised collection point - waste contractors will separate the batteries during the recycling process.

What do I do with waste batteries?

Waste batteries can be dropped off FREE OF CHARGE and with no obligation to purchase at any retailer supplying similar batteries. They don't have to accept leaking batteries or more than 5kg at a time. They can also be dropped off FREE OF CHARGE to your local Civic Amenity Site.

What should I do to help?

Watch out for details of WEEE Ireland's public collection events and schools collection programs in your area giving you additional ways to recycle WEEE and waste batteries. See our website for details.

Don't forget to remove packaging such as boxes or plastic bags if leaving WEEE or waste batteries at a CA site for recycling.



It is advisable that you ensure personal information is wiped from PCs, laptops, phones and other communication devices before sending for recycling or reuse.



Priority to reuse

Is your item in good and safe working order? If so can a friend, family member or reputable charity make good use of it? If sending electrical items for reuse ensure they are in a suitable condition to be used again, and that you know the end destination of the items.



The Irish compliance scheme for electrical recycling

What is WEEE Ireland?

WEEE Ireland is the Irish compliance scheme for the recycling of batteries and electrical waste. We work on behalf of our Producer members in assisting Ireland in meeting its WEEE and battery recycling targets set by the EU.

What is the Producer Recycling Fund?

The price of electrical and electronic equipment includes a contribution to the Producer Recycling Fund to ensure these items are managed in an environmentally friendly way at the end of their useful lives. In some cases, these PRFs are shown visibly to the consumer on purchase of new equipment.

What do the chemical symbols on batteries mean?

Hg = Mercury **Cd** = Cadmium **Pb** = Lead

These symbols indicate the chemicals these batteries contain and highlight the importance of not putting them in the general rubbish bin but segregating spent batteries for recycling.

Links

www.environ.ie

Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

www.weeeregister.ie

WEEE and Battery Register Society

www.epa.ie

Environmental Protection Agency

www.weeeireland.ie

National Compliance Scheme for Electrical Recycling



The Irish compliance scheme for electrical recycling

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Look out for our Portable Battery Recycling box at many retailers throughout the country

WEEE and Waste Batteries

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) covers any household appliance with a plug or a battery that has been discarded or is at the end of their useful life. Along with waste batteries, WEEE must not be disposed of in the normal rubbish bin or worse still illegally dumped as they may contain chemicals and metals that could cause harm to human health and the environment if not managed properly. Proper recycling of these items can recover materials for use again in industry, help conserve space in our crowded landfills and protect our environment from contamination. The crossed out wheellie bin symbol on new appliances and batteries reminds us not to put these items in the bin but segregate them for recycling.



WEEE and Battery Directives

The implementation of European Directives has meant importers and manufacturers (known as Producers) of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) and batteries have an obligation to organise the collection and recycling of household WEEE and batteries in Ireland.

It's free to Recycle

