

GP Batteries — Article 74 Information Sheet (EU) 2023/1542

Information on prevention and management of waste batteries (Article 74(1)(a)–(f))

(a) End-users' role in contributing to waste prevention

- To help protect the environment, follow the “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” principle: reduce the waste you generate, reuse products where possible, and recycle what cannot be reused. Batteries may contain hazardous substances, so they should be recycled through appropriate channels to prevent pollution and other environmental harm.
- Remove batteries from devices that will not be used for an extended period to help prevent leakage and extend battery life.
- Choose the most suitable battery type for each device (single-use or rechargeable) and use batteries within their recommended service life to support efficient use and reduce waste.
- For rechargeable products, remove batteries from the charger or dock once fully charged to avoid unnecessary charging and energy waste.

(b) End-users' role in contributing to the separate collection of waste batteries

Small actions matter. Disposing of used batteries correctly supports safe recycling and helps reduce environmental impacts.

- Do not dispose of used batteries with regular household waste.
- Use designated collection points or take-back schemes to support separate collection and the safe management of waste batteries.

(c) Collection / take-back points and collection points

- Bring used batteries to local collection or recycling centres, and follow guidance from your local authority on locations and requirements.
- In some areas, retailers (for example, supermarkets and DIY centres) may provide battery collection options.
- Both single-use and rechargeable batteries can be collected for recycling into new products, where facilities exist.

(d) Safety instructions for handling waste batteries (including lithium-related precautions)

- Prevent short circuits when storing or transporting used batteries: cover exposed terminals (for example, the positive terminal) with protective caps or insulating tape.
- Do not wrap the entire battery in a way that prevents identification at the collection or recycling facility.
- If a battery is leaking, place it in a non-metal container (or a plastic bag), avoid skin contact, and wash thoroughly if contact occurs. Take the battery to an appropriate collection or recycling centre.
- Keep batteries out of reach of children and pets. Seek immediate medical attention if a battery is swallowed.

(e) Meaning of labels and symbols on batteries (in accordance with Article 13)

	CE marking
	Symbol indicating separate collection of batteries
	QR code

(f) Impact of substances (especially hazardous substances) present in batteries

- There is no power solution with zero environmental impact. Batteries can contain hazardous substances that are not released during normal use; however, improper handling or disposal may allow harmful substances to leak into the environment.
- Disposal with household waste or in landfill may contribute to air, water, and soil pollution.
- Recycling helps prevent pollution and supports the recovery and reuse of valuable raw materials.

Additional note

Local collection options, accepted battery types, and handling instructions may vary by country and municipality. Always follow local guidance on collection and recycling requirements.

At GP, we are committed to developing more sustainable sources of power and working towards zero waste in our battery manufacturing facilities. We also continue to increase the use of recycled materials in our products; many of our rechargeable batteries contain at least 10% recycled materials.