

## **Battery Fire Safety**

There have been instances where new, used and old household batteries have caused fires in homes and vehicles. Caution should be taken when disposing of or storing batteries. It is recommended that the exposed terminals of the batteries should be taped with electrical tape (or stored separately in baggies) to inhibit the terminals from coming into contact/rubbing with other terminals or objects that can potentially cause a fire.

### [Battery Safety Video](#)

## **Battery Storage**

Store your old batteries in a safe, dry place and out of the reach of children. For an extra measure of safety, place masking tape or some other seal over the terminals (battery ends).

## **Battery Disposal**

All batteries are considered hazardous waste and should be disposed of properly. Always place tape on the positive terminal before disposal.

Find a list of battery drop off locations or make an appointment to drop off at a household hazardous waste collection site at the link below.

### [Santa Clara County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program](#)