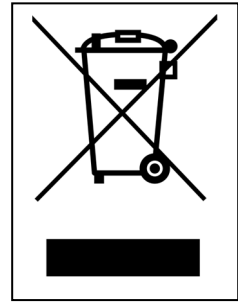


## How to Separate Batteries for Recycling

The crossed-out bin symbol is marked on electrical products/devices and their batteries to show that they must be separated and recycled as electrical waste/ WEEE and batteries – not placed in the bin to be put in landfill.

Batteries and WEEE should be placed in their separate recycling points. For most battery-powered items this is simple; an adult can open the battery compartment according to the instructions and separate the batteries.

However, some products have a non-replaceable battery enclosed. This guide is to help you to access and separate those types of battery.



### Before you start

1. The battery/s should be separated by an adult, using household tools, or by a professional service – e.g., an electrical repair shop.
2. The battery/s should only be separated at the end of the device's life. If the batteries are not accessible by a normal compartment, (e.g., with a battery door and screw), then separation will involve taking the product apart without any intention to put it back together again.
3. This is only required for products which have a battery enclosed inside. If a device uses a separate power supply, (not a charger), then there is no battery to separate, and the device can be recycled as-is. If a device connects directly to a mains supply/ wall socket, DO NOT try to open it up.
4. If the device is a power bank/a large rechargeable battery unit, don't try to dismantle it – recycle it whole as a battery. Your local recycling centre may have a specific section for these devices.

### Separating batteries

1. If a device casing is held together by screws, first try unscrewing them all using an electrical screwdriver.
2. Try to open the casing by separating its sections. These may open by hand once all fastenings are removed, or may require gently prying open using pliers or the pry tool on the back of a hammer.
3. Once the device is open, if you can see the battery, try to remove it. The battery may be clipped into place or connected via a wire with a plug which can be disconnected. You may need to unscrew some fastenings. If you need to cut any wires, use the cutting edge on a pair of pliers, or cutters/snips if you have them.
4. At all times, only attempt what you are comfortable with. If you need to force anything, touch live wires, or expose sharp edges, don't risk it.
5. If you have managed to remove the battery, deposit this in the battery recycling point at your nearest recycling centre. You may also be able to drop it in the battery bin at a retail store, but check with the staff in case it is not a standard type that their collection accepts.
6. Take all the parts of the opened device, (or the whole thing if you were unable to open it), and place this in the electrical recycling point at your nearest recycling centre.

For more information on recycling, visit <http://www.recyclenow.com>