

Safety Policies

Protocol for Disposal of Batteries

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An issue has arisen regarding the proper disposal of quantities of batteries, especially the large, wet-cell automotive —type batteries. Following are TAMU-approved alternatives for safe disposal of such batteries:

- * Identify with a TAMU Waste Tag, and place on the designated waste shelf/area, in your building's designated Chemical Storage Room

- * Identify with a TAMU Waste Tag, and call the TAMU Environmental Health and Safety Department to schedule a waste pickup at your site.

- * Tagged property may be sent to surplus (check with your property manager)

Do not allow anyone to place batteries in the hallways. The housekeeping staff can only pick up light, non-hazardous materials such as paper and boxes. They are not permitted to pick up large, heavy and/or hazardous materials, such as: furniture, equipment, instruments, chemicals and chemical containers.

TAMU safety rules require that ALL wet-cell type batteries be stored in a plastic tub to prevent acid damage to property, equipment and/or facilities. Leaking batteries must be disposed of immediately.

Waste Tags are available from:

- * Department/Division property administrator
- * The Engineering Safety Office
- * TAMU Environmental Health & Safety Department