

Recycling Questions

1. My household currently recycles these traditional materials (select all that apply):

- ☐ Metal cans
- ☐ Plastic containers or bottles
- ☐ Glass containers or bottles
- ☐ Paper/cardboard
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

2. My household currently recycles these nontraditional materials (select all that apply):

- ☐ Motor oil
- ☐ Paint
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Clothing
- ☐ Electronics
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)




3. My household composts food scraps (**select one**):

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Never

4. Which of the following items contain a battery?

Wireless earbuds/AirPods	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Vape	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Car key (FOB)	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Remote control	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Digital thermometer	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Cell phone	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Light-up shoes	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
E-bike	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know
Lawnmower	<input type="radio"/> Sometimes <input type="radio"/> Always <input type="radio"/> I don't know

5. How do **you** dispose of the following kinds of batteries once they are used/dead? (**select one**)

<p>Alkaline (e.g., AA) as found in a flashlight</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Put them in the trash <input type="radio"/> Put them in my home recycling bin <input type="radio"/> Take them to a retail store for free recycling <input type="radio"/> Pay to have them recycled at retail or elsewhere <input type="radio"/> Bring them to a recycling or hazardous waste center <input type="radio"/> Donate them <input type="radio"/> Keep them at home but no longer use them <input type="radio"/> I don't know <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify: _____)
<p>Alkaline coin/button battery as found in a calculator</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Put them in the trash <input type="radio"/> Put them in my home recycling bin <input type="radio"/> Take them to a retail store for free recycling <input type="radio"/> Pay to have them recycled at retail or elsewhere <input type="radio"/> Bring them to a recycling or hazardous waste center <input type="radio"/> Donate them <input type="radio"/> Keep them at home but no longer use them <input type="radio"/> I don't know <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify: _____)
<p>Lithium-ion as found in a cell phone or laptop computer</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Put them in the trash <input type="radio"/> Put them in my home recycling bin <input type="radio"/> Take them to a retail store for free recycling <input type="radio"/> Pay to have them recycled at retail or elsewhere <input type="radio"/> Bring them to a recycling or hazardous waste center <input type="radio"/> Donate them <input type="radio"/> Keep them at home but no longer use them <input type="radio"/> I don't know <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify: _____)

6. Things that make it difficult for me to recycle batteries include (select all that apply):

- ☐ I am confused about which batteries can be recycled
- ☐ I am skeptical that batteries actually get recycled
- ☐ I don't know where to recycle
- ☐ Recycling/hazardous waste centers are far from my household
- ☐ I do not want to pay to dispose of old batteries
- ☐ I don't have time
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)
- ☐ Not applicable (because I already recycle batteries)

7. In my opinion, the **most** important reason to recycle batteries is? (**select one**)

- ☐ To keep toxins out of our air, soil and water
- ☐ To avoid fires/accidents in my home
- ☐ To avoid fires/accidents at waste and recycling centers
- ☐ To conserve critical metals and reduce the need for new mining
- ☐ To create jobs
- ☐ To be a good role model for children/others
- ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

8. I get my information on battery recycling from (select all that apply):
- ☐ Local county/community mailing or website
 - ☐ Friends/family
 - ☐ My trash hauler
 - ☐ My local recycling organization (e.g., Eureka, Waste Management)
 - ☐ E-waste/household hazardous waste collection/drop-off events
 - ☐ A visit to a recycling center
 - ☐ Other (please specify: _____)
9. In my opinion, the most convenient way of disposing of used/dead batteries would be (**select one**):
- ☐ Bring to a recycling/hazardous waste center for free
 - ☐ Bring to a supermarket/retail store for free
 - ☐ Bring to a public building (e.g., library) for free
 - ☐ Other (please specify: _____)
10. How should a battery recycling system in Minnesota be paid for? (**select one**)
- ☐ Manufacturers should pay, and build that cost into the price of items with a battery
 - ☐ I should pay a fee when I purchase items with a battery, so that recycling it is free
 - ☐ I should pay a deposit when I purchase items with a battery, so I get cash back when I recycle
 - ☐ Other (please specify: _____)

OPTIONAL but much appreciated: **How have batteries changed the quality of your life?**

Demographics

What is your home zipcode (e.g., 55101) _ _ _ _ _

What is your gender: _____ What is your age? _____

How many children under 18 live in your home? _____

Which of the following best represents your racial or ethnic heritage? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Non-Hispanic White or Euro-American
- ☐ Black, Afro-Caribbean, or African American
- ☐ Latino or Hispanic American
- ☐ East Asian or Asian American
- ☐ South Asian or Indian American
- ☐ Middle Eastern or Arab American
- ☐ Native American or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Other _____

What language do you speak most at home? (select all that apply)

- ☐ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Hmong
- ☐ Somali
- ☐ Other, please specify: _____

Please describe your race or ethnicity (select all that apply)

- ☐ Caucasian or white
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Native American or Alaska Native
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other race, please specify _____

What is the highest year or grade of school you have completed?

- ☐ Less than high school
- ☐ High school graduate or GED
- ☐ Some college
- ☐ Vocational/Technical graduate (associate degree)
- ☐ College graduate (bachelor's degree)
- ☐ Some graduate school or more

Please tell us your annual household income range in 2023 from all earners and all sources, before taxes.

- ☐ Under \$24,999
- ☐ \$25,000 - \$34,999
- ☐ \$35,000 - \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 - \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 - \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 - \$149,999
- ☐ \$150,000 or over

Do you own or rent your current residence?

- ☐ Own
- ☐ Rent

Do you own or lease an electric vehicle (EV)?

- ☐ Yes, a full EV
- ☐ Yes, a plug-in hybrid EV
- ☐ No

Do you own an E-bike?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No