

BATTERIES (LEAD-ACID)

Non-Government Vehicles/Equipment

POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

The cells of lead-acid batteries (e.g., emergency exit light gel cells, multi-cell toy batteries, and computer power backups) contain lead and lead dioxide and a strong corrosive agent.

CHARACTERIZATION

Lead-acid batteries are hazardous due to their lead content and are managed as universal waste. It is illegal to dispose of a lead-acid battery in a landfill. Do not place in refuse or trash container.

HANDLING PROCEDURES

Step 1 Take unserviceable/unneeded lead acid batteries to the **Convenience Center** for proper disposal.

Step 2 Batteries may also be returned to the purchase location.

NOTE: Damaged batteries must be overpacked prior to turn-in, (i.e., exterior case cracked). Over packs can be obtained through the PPOC by calling **PPOC HazWaste Pick Up**. Do not store damaged batteries at the unit. Label the overpack container "Leaking Solid Lead Acid Battery"; place the battery inside the overpack and ensure the lid is tightly closed.

NOTE: Battery terminals **MUST** be taped to prevent electrical shorting. Metal strapping should not be used to strap batteries to pallets.



Car, lawn mower and sealed lead acid batteries may be taken to the Convenience Center for recycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

For more information on recycling and battery disposal, contact **Environmental Division Solid Waste/Recycling**.