

# BATTERIES (LEAD-ACID)

## Non-Government Vehicles/Equipment (POV)

### POSSIBLE AREAS OF CONCERN

The cells of a lead-acid battery contain lead and lead dioxide and an electrolyte solution of sulfuric acid. The electrolyte is 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:** 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.**