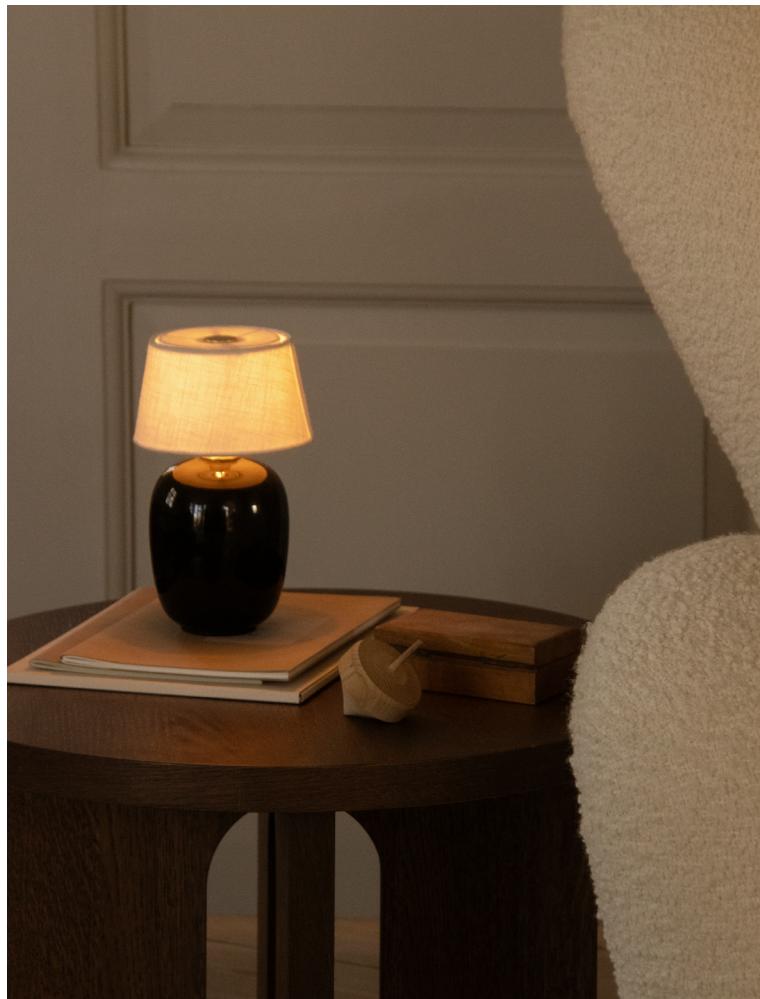


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BATTERY DISPOSAL GUIDE

## WHY PROPER DISPOSAL MATTERS

Batteries contain materials that can be harmful to the environment if not handled correctly. At the same time, many of these materials can be recovered and reused — so recycling batteries helps reduce waste and conserve resources.

## PREVENTING WASTE AND ENSURING COLLECTION

As an end user, you play a key role in ensuring that used batteries are collected and recycled. Small everyday choices make a big difference. Here are three simple ways to improve your battery habits:

### *Use batteries longer*

Choose rechargeable batteries when possible and make sure to fully use them before replacing.

### *Avoid mixing waste*

Batteries must never be thrown in general waste, plastic, paper, or other bins. Always deliver them to a dedicated battery collection point.

### *Return regularly*

Don't let used batteries pile up at home or at work. Hand them in frequently to minimise fire risk and help valuable materials return to the circular economy faster.

### *Market Risks*

The company's products are primarily positioned in high-end markets. The economic development in the professional and private consumer markets will affect the financial results.

## SAFE HANDLING OF USED BATTERIES

All batteries can pose a fire risk if damaged or mishandled — especially lithium batteries. Follow these simple safety guidelines:

### *Cover the terminals*

Place tape over any exposed metal contacts.

### *Return damaged batteries immediately*

If a battery is bulging, leaking, hot, or smells chemical, take it straight to your local recycling centre and inform the staff.

### *Store cool and dry*

Keep batteries away from sunlight and heat sources.

### *Keep batteries separate*

Do not store loose batteries together with metal objects — this may cause short circuits and fires.

### *Never crush or break batteries*

Do not attempt to open, puncture, or otherwise damage a battery.

## WHAT TO DO WITH USED BATTERIES

### *Do not throw batteries in the regular bin*

Used batteries are considered hazardous waste and must be sorted separately.

### *Bring batteries to a certified collection point or recycling centre*

Many municipalities offer battery-collection bins, or you can take them to a local recycling centre.

### *If the battery is part of a product (e.g. a lamp, tool, or electronic device), follow instructions for electronic waste disposal*

Batteries embedded in electronic devices should not be treated as regular waste.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF LABELLING AND SYMBOLS

Clear labelling is a key part of the new EU Battery Regulation. It improves safety, ensures correct sorting, and supports efficient recycling.

### *The crossed-out wheeled bin symbol*

Indicates that the battery must not be disposed of with household waste.

### *Chemical symbols (e.g. Pb, Hg, Cd)*

Show whether the battery contains substances that require special handling.

### *QR codes*

New EU requirements mean more batteries will

include QR codes providing information about composition, capacity and safety instructions.

### *Producer marking*

Allows the producer responsibility system to identify the manufacturer and ensure correct financing and data reporting.

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU RECYCLE BATTERIES

Once collected, batteries are sorted according to their chemical composition. Hazardous components are separated out, and the remaining material is sent to specialist recycling facilities. This ensures safe handling and allows valuable materials to be recovered and reused.