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LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES ARE EVERYWHERE. IN PHONES, ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AND MORE!

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Lithium batteries are generally safe and unlikely to fail. Damage from improper use, storage or charging may present a fire or explosion hazard.



The batteries themselves typically have a lifespan of over ten years, contingent upon factors like the frequency and intensity of charge and discharge cycles.



While 95% of lithium-ion batteries can be retrieved, only 5% of EV batteries are currently being recycled, creating environmental concerns and potential resource wastage.

HANDLING LITHIUM BATTERIES FOR DISPOSAL AND **RECYCLING REQUIRES SPECIAL CARE DUE TO THEIR** POTENTIAL FIRE RISK AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. HERE ARE SOME STEPS TO HANDLE THEM PROPERLY:



Confirm regulations. Handle with care. Always stay alert. Recycle properly. Get out quickly. Educate others.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY BATTERY RECYCLING **PROGRAMS OFFERED BY RETAILERS, MANUFACTURERS, OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES - LIKE HWMA**

Spread awareness about the importance of proper lithium battery disposal and recycling among your friends, family, and community.

Encourage others to follow similar practices to minimize environmental contamination or potential fires.



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NEVER DISPOSE OF BATTERIES IN THE TRASH OR IN RECYCLING BINS

Up to 125 pounds of small household batteries are accepted at the HWMA Household Hazardous Waste Facility located on Hawthorne Street. At this time, HWMA does not accept lithium auto batteries but can accept lead-acid auto batteries.

Visit www.hwma.net to discover more tips for the responsible handling and disposal of hazardous and universal waste.



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