

GREENOPOLIS GOOD HABITS

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average American produces about 4.4 pounds (2 kg) of garbage a day. Below are the 10 most commonly recycled household materials and how to properly dispose of them.

PAPER

Most types of paper can be recycled. The key to recycling is collecting large quantities of clean, well-sorted, uncontaminated, dry paper.

- WHITE OFFICE PAPER
- CURRUGATED CARDBOARD
- NEWSPAPERS
- PHONE BOOKS
- MIXED PAPER

GLASS

Glass bottles must not be mixed with other types of glass. Clear glass is the most valuable. Mixed color glass is near worthless, and broken glass is hard to sort.

METALS

BEWARE OF FAKES. Recycling plants have been damaged by these fakes. The distinctive shape of an aluminum beverage can must be reserved for aluminum beverage cans only.

ASEPTIC PACKAGING

The square boxes used for liquids are called "Aseptics", the most common brand of which is "Tetra Pak". The actual recycling process is very expensive and is therefore, only available in very few places. Coca-Cola maintains a list of aseptic recyclers, call 1-800-888-6488 for information.

E-CYCLING

Printer cartridges are easily recycled, refilled or re-built. Most office supply or printing locations have electronic recycling bins.

PLASTICS

Identify the type of plastic. NOT ALL TYPES ARE RECYCLABLE. Types 1 and 2 are widely accepted, type 4 is occasionally accepted and type 7 has virtually no recycling potential.

TIRES

Improperly disposed tires tend to rise to the top of landfills. It may cost a small fee to dispose of them, but it's worth it.

MOTOR OIL

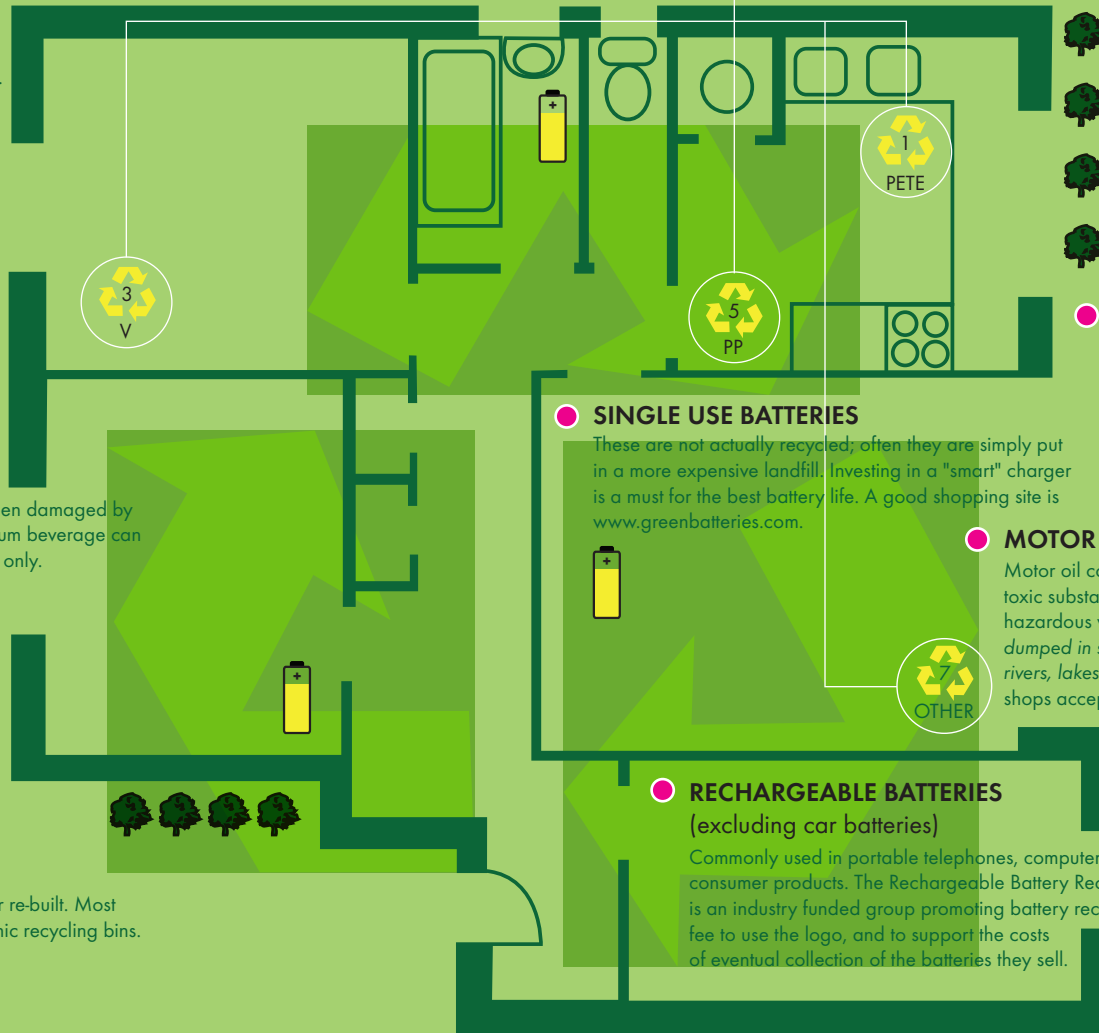
Motor oil contains heavy metals and other toxic substances, and is considered hazardous waste. *Motor oil must never be dumped in storm drains. Storm drains flow into rivers, lakes or oceans.* Many quick-lube shops accept used oil.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES (excluding car batteries)

Commonly used in portable telephones, computers, power tools and other consumer products. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) is an industry funded group promoting battery recycling. Manufacturers pay a fee to use the logo, and to support the costs of eventual collection of the batteries they sell.

SINGLE USE BATTERIES

These are not actually recycled; often they are simply put in a more expensive landfill. Investing in a "smart" charger is a must for the best battery life. A good shopping site is www.greenbatteries.com.



* It is no longer necessary to remove labels for recycling. To save water, clean only enough to prevent odors.