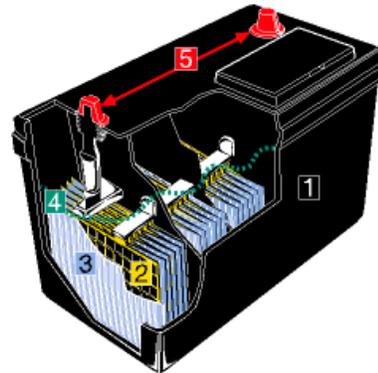


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Lead Acid Battery Recycling Get a Jump On It!

If you have a dead battery you should know it is now illegal to dispose of the battery in your trash. Most of us use lead-acid batteries in our cars, trucks and recreational vehicles. With use, these batteries run down and eventually die. If not properly handled, lead-acid batteries can leak contaminants into the soil and water.



Did You Know?

- ✓ A typical lead-acid battery weighs 36 pounds and contains 18 pounds of lead, 1 gallon of sulfuric acid, other compounds and a heat-resistant housing usually made of plastic.
- ✓ Lead-acid batteries have a recycling rate of 96%, beating out newspapers (68%) and aluminum (63.5%) in 1997.

Instead of dumping your lead-acid batteries, you must take your dead battery to a retail store, distributor or a battery recycling facility for recycling. By law, retailers must accept used batteries from customers and distributors must accept batteries from their retailers.

Information You Should Know!

You can give your used battery for recycling to a retailer at the time you purchase a new one.

- ✓ The retailer will charge you a \$5.00 "return incentive payment" if you do not return a used battery when you buy a replacement.
- ✓ The retailer, who sold you the battery, will refund the \$5.00 payment if you return a used battery within 30 days of the purchase date.

Retailers and Distributors Must:

- ✓ Accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual.
- ✓ Post signs displaying the universal recycling symbol and stating the following:

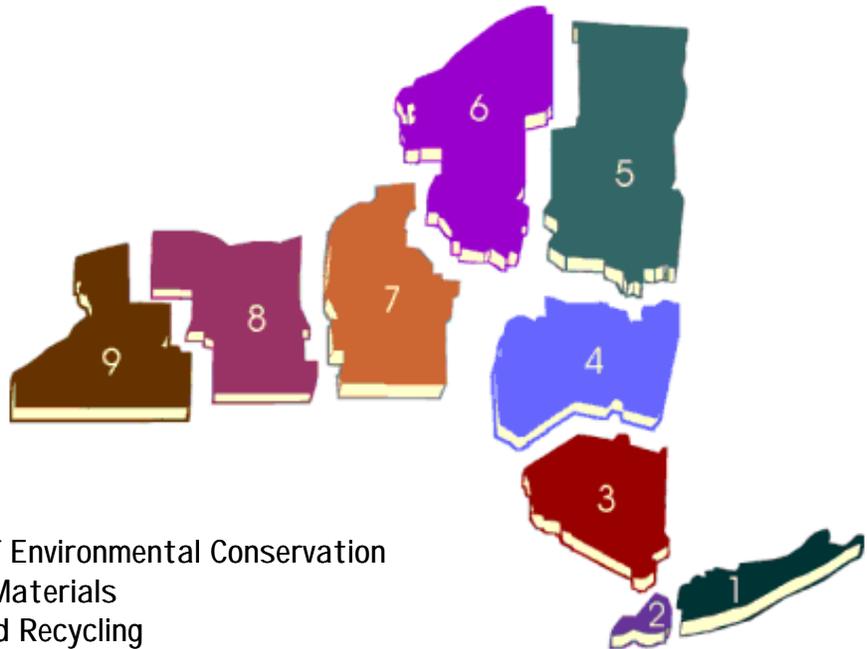
**IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCARD VEHICLE BATTERIES.
STATE LAW REQUIRES US TO ACCEPT VEHICLE BATTERIES
FREE OF CHARGE FOR RECYCLING.**

- ✓ Retailers can legally keep unredeemed payments.

For further information about lead-acid battery recycling, contact your nearest DEC regional office.

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