
Environmental Disposal Hazard Notice to our Customers – Please Read!

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised of the following environmental disposal hazard notice which is becoming more prevalent and dangerous to our customers, our drivers, and our communities.

The use of lithium-ion batteries, also known as “button batteries,” has been steadily increasing over the last 15 years. They can be found in consumer electronics, power tools, medical equipment, electric cars, and many other devices. While lithium-ion batteries have proven to be a low cost and effective power source, they are extremely volatile in the wrong conditions and therefore, can be a serious fire hazard.

Leck Waste Services experienced 3 waste truck fires within the last year because of lithium-ion batteries in the waste stream. These batteries ignite when ruptured and should never be disposed of in regular trash. Below is a photo of what will occur when a lithium-ion battery is ruptured. When these batteries are ruptured in a trash truck, a fire will surely result and the potential for injury, death and property damage is very significant.

To our Commercial Customers: improperly disposed of lithium-ion batteries puts your employees and facilities at risk as well as Leck Waste Services employees and equipment.

To our Residential Customers: At residential locations, improperly disposed of lithium-ion batteries puts yourself, your home, and your property at risk.

To ALL Customers: We strongly encourage all our customers to inform all employees of your commercial business or all members of your household of the proper disposal for lithium-ion batteries.

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) states that lithium-ion batteries must be processed by an appropriate recycler and never disposed of with your trash. You should never store lithium-ion batteries touching each other and to prevent fires, tape battery terminals and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags. <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/used-lithium-ion-batteries>



Addition items that should not be placed in the waste stream; flammable liquids, propane tanks, car batteries, oil-based paint, any compressed gas cylinder, hot coals, paint thinner, and pool chemicals. Under PA law anyone who is found to be disposing of these items can be held legally and financially responsible. Please do your part to keep yourself, your home, and your employees safe, as well as the Leck Waste Services employees.

Sincerely,
Leck Waste Services.