

Battery Information for the EU

Meaning of the battery symbols

Batteries are marked with the symbol of a crossed-out dustbin (see below). This symbol indicates that batteries must not be disposed of with household waste. In the case of batteries containing more than 0.0005 mass percent of mercury, more than 0.002 mass percent of cadmium or more than 0.004 mass percent of lead, the chemical name of the pollutant used is shown under the waste bin symbol - 'Cd' stands for cadmium, 'Pb' for lead, and 'Hg' for mercury.



Note on the disposal of used batteries

Batteries must not be disposed of with household waste. The customer is legally obliged to return old batteries so that proper disposal can be guaranteed. The EU Battery Directive (BattRL), which came into force in 2006 and had to be transposed into national law by every EU state, obliges manufacturers (producers, importers, etc.) to take back and legally dispose of used batteries.

You can obtain further information from the relevant authority in your country, as the EU directives had to be transposed into national law by each EU member state individually and each country therefore has its own regulations.

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Waste electrical and electronic equipment in the EU

Meaning of the electrical and electronic symbols

Electrical and electronic equipment marked with the symbol of the crossed-out waste bin (see below) according to Annex IX of Directive 2012/19/EU must be collected and disposed of separately from household waste.



Information on the disposal of waste electrical and electronic equipment

As a consumer in the European Union, you are obliged under the 2012/19/EU directives to dispose of waste electrical and electronic equipment properly. Old appliances must be collected separately and may not be disposed of as unsorted municipal waste.

Privacy policy: You are responsible for ensuring that there is no personally identifiable information on the equipment you return. Therefore, make sure that you have deleted your personal data from your old device before returning it.

Owners of waste equipment may dispose of them within the framework of the possibilities for the return or collection of waste equipment set up and made available by public waste management bodies in order to ensure proper disposal or recycling of the waste equipment. Further information can be obtained from the relevant authority in your country, as the EU directives had to be transposed into national law by each EU member state individually and each country therefore has its own regulations.

Used batteries and accumulators that can be removed from waste equipment must be disposed of separately by you as a consumer and must not be disposed of with household waste (see "Battery Information for the EU").