

# Don't trash it! Be nice to your device and recycle!

Got a sluggish, quick-to-drain, or burnt-out device? Did you know: lithium-ion batteries like the ones found in your cell phone, tablet, or laptop can be recycled into new batteries!

Visit [BeNiceToYourDevice.org](https://BeNiceToYourDevice.org) for simple and safe battery recycling solutions.



## BE NICE TO YOUR DEVICE 101

- Appreciate your device and hang on to it! Resist buying a new one until you really need it.
- When you're ready for a new device, take advantage of your carrier's trade-in programs. It will be donated, resold, or repurposed.
- When it's really time to say goodbye, give your device a second chance at life! Drop it off at a safe recycling center that accepts Li-ion batteries and devices. Find your nearest drop-off site at [call2recycle.org/locator](https://call2recycle.org/locator).



## WHAT ARE LITHIUM-ION (LI-ION) BATTERIES?

Li-ion batteries—we can't live without them. They supply power to almost every rechargeable portable device in our daily lives! Li-ion batteries are also making a fossil fuel-free society a real possibility, powering electric vehicles, storing renewable energy, and building smarter, more connected cities.

## RECYCLE AND RENEW LI-ION BATTERIES FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Li-ion batteries hold enormous potential for a safer and more sustainable future. To achieve this potential, Li-ion batteries and devices need to be recycled safely. Unlike most things, Li-ion devices can't just be thrown in the trash when they stop working or we don't want them anymore. In fact, the United Nations predicts that electronic waste will be the next great global challenge we face.

Li-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space. This makes them powerful, portable, and versatile, but it also means they can overheat, catch fire, or explode in the trash. Crushing

a Li-ion battery can result in a fire or explosion. Toxic materials in Li-ion batteries also pose significant health and environmental risks if they end up in landfills.

Fortunately, materials inside Li-ion batteries can be safely extracted and reused when they are properly recycled. This can also contribute to shaping a more sustainable society, as components and materials from recycled devices can be repurposed.

Take our advice: Be nice to your device and keep it out of the trash. Recycle rechargeable batteries and devices for a safer, more sustainable world.