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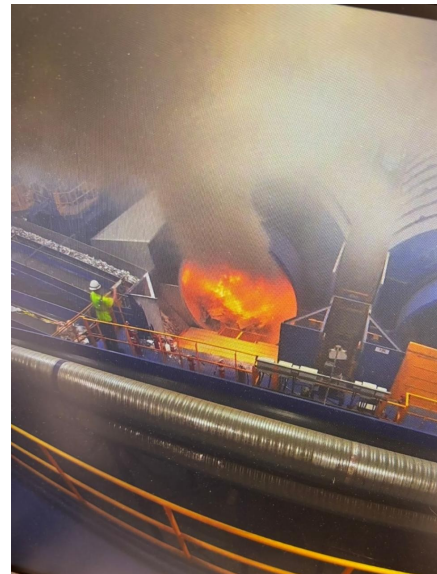


Don't Place Batteries in Trash or Recycling

In the past month, Rumpke has experienced more than a dozen fires.

These fires put people in great danger. Each fire posed a serious risk to firefighters, the Rumpke team and the general public. These battery fires impacted our fleet and our facilities. Almost all of these events were caused by lithium-ion batteries improperly placed in the trash and recycling.

Many stores, including Staples and Batteries Bulbs Plus, accept batteries for proper disposal. Contact your solid waste district for options near you.



As a reminder, batteries are not accepted in trash or recycling programs.

Lithium-ion batteries are everywhere:

- **Electronics:** Smartphones, laptops, tablets, wireless headphones, speakers, cameras, remote controls, vapes
- **Small Appliances & Power Tools:** Cordless vacuums, electric toothbrushes, electric shavers, power tools (drills, saws, etc.)

- **Portable Devices:** Portable battery packs, rechargeable hand warmers, rechargeable fans, wireless charging stations
- **Other:** E-bikes and scooters, remote-controlled cars, drones or toys, air compressors, greeting cards with sound, talking toys, rechargeable toys

Disposal Safety Reminders

As summer celebrations continue, help us protect our workers and first responders by following these guidelines:



- **Batteries** shouldn't be placed in curbside containers – ever! They easily ignite and explode when compacted in the truck.
 - **Empty Propane Tanks** should never go in the trash or recycling. Take empty tanks back to stores to be refilled.
 - **Charcoal Embers and Fireworks** should be thoroughly soaked in water prior to placing them in the garbage. Never throw away unused fireworks—contact your local fire department for proper disposal.
- **Pool Chemicals** are highly reactive, generate extreme temperatures and release toxic vapors if improperly handled or stored. **Don't place pool chemicals in the trash or recycling.** Contact your solid waste district for disposal options.

RESOURCES FOR
LITHIUM-ION BATTERY
DISPOSAL

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call2recycle.org



search.earth911.com



Contact your local government
or hardware stores.

We appreciate your immediate attention and assistance in keeping our employees, the motoring public as well as our facilities safe. If you have questions, please contact us at [1-800-828-8171](tel:18008288171) or visit Rumpke.com.



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