OFAS has identified four (4) major battery types that have been historically recycled in the Main Interior Building:

- Alkaline
- Mercury-containing
- Nickel
- Lithium

These battery types, with certain exceptions, may be placed in the containers provided.

Only batteries should be placed in the respective battery containers. Do not contaminate with cardboard packaging, plastic bags or casing, paper, or any other storage/packing material.

Please note that batteries are a category of hazardous waste and must be properly segregated.

Contact the OFAS Service Desk for more information on the safe and proper recycling of any battery type.
Alkaline batteries are commonly identified as household batteries. They range in size and type.

Examples: AAAA • AAA • AA • C • D • 9V

All clean and undamaged alkaline batteries must be properly recycled in the blue container at this collection point.

The following alkaline batteries should never be placed in this container:

- Batteries that have sustained significant physical damage
- Batteries that are leaking a brown and/or white-colored dust, regardless of extent
- Batteries clearly identified as containing mercury, nickel, or lithium
- Batteries from any other category
Mercury-containing batteries are non-rechargeable batteries used in small, portable electronics such as watches, pocket calculators, and key transmitters.

**Examples:** Button cell • Special alkaline

All **clearly identified** mercury-containing batteries must be **properly recycled** in the **orange** container at this collection point.

Be mindful that mercury batteries often take the appearance of batteries from other categories. **Ensure the battery has mercury printed on it.**
Nickel batteries are rechargeable batteries. They are common in cameras, computers, and other small battery-operated devices.

Types of nickel batteries: Nickel-cadmium (NiCD/NiCad) • Nickel-metal hydride (NiMH/Ni-MH)

All clearly identified nickel batteries must be properly recycled of in the black container at this collection point.

Nickel batteries often have pastel-colored special wrapping around them. Each battery should have NiCd, NiCad, NiMH, or Ni-MH printed on it.

Nickel batteries pose a serious health threat due to their toxic-heavy metal composition. It is required that battery terminals be taped prior to recycling.

Contact the OFAS Service Desk for more information on nickel batteries.
Lithium batteries are any kind of battery that contain the metallic property of lithium.

**Types of lithium batteries:** Primary lithium (Li) • Lithium-ion (Li-ion) • Lithium-polymer (LiPo)

All clearly identified and undamaged lithium batteries must be properly recycled in the gray container at this collection point.

All lithium batteries should have either of the following printed on them: Lithium, Lithium-ion, Li, Li-ion, LiPo.

Lithium batteries pose a serious health threat due to the reactive nature of their composition. It is required that battery terminals be taped prior to recycling.

Contact the OFAS Service Desk for more information on lithium batteries.
The following battery types must never be placed into any of the battery containers under any circumstances:

- **Lead acid**: found in automobiles, forklifts, and alarm systems

- **Absolyte/gel cell**: found in backup systems, electric wheelchairs; marked with “absolyte” or “gel”

- **UPS**: encased sealed lead acid batteries used as constant power supply

- **Wet NiCd**: found in backup systems; **highly toxic**

- **Power tool**: rechargeable batteries that may contain both nickel and lithium properties

- **Lantern**: large, rectangular batteries used in flashlights and lanterns; contain screw and spring terminals

These battery types require special handling and storage with regards to their safe and proper recycling. They cannot be mixed with general batteries under any circumstance.

Contact the OFAS Service Desk for special pickup of these battery types. DO NOT LEAVE THEM AT THIS COLLECTION POINT