

# Reception instructions for batteries and accumulators

## What kinds of batteries and accumulators does a shop have to receive?

The producer responsibility obliges sellers and other distributors of batteries and accumulators to receive used batteries and accumulators without requiring customers to purchase new products. According to law, distributors must also inform customers that they receive batteries and accumulators at their point of sale.



### YES:

Sealed and used dry batteries and accumulators that can be carried by hand. These are typically used in devices such as watches, toys, flashlights, mobile phones, cameras, computers and electric power tools such as drills.



### NO:

Large portable lithium accumulators used in electric bikes, electric scooters, balance boards, mopeds, all-terrain vehicles and riding lawn mowers. These can be returned to the regional collection points. You can find the nearest regional collection points, as well as collection points for vehicle accumulators, at [kierratys.info](http://kierratys.info).

Importers provide recycling instructions for large industrial accumulators intended solely for professional use.

## Where and how are batteries and accumulators collected?

**1. Collect them in a suitable collection box.** The collected batteries and accumulators must always be moved to a transport box provided by Recser, as batteries and accumulators are subject to the legislation on the transport of hazardous materials. Batteries and accumulators may also be collected directly in the transport box.

**2. Order pick-up only when the transport box is full.** You can order the pick-up for a full box at [www.paristokierratys.fi](http://www.paristokierratys.fi), under 'For collection points'. A new, empty box will be automatically provided in connection with the pick-up.

### **3. Place the collection box in a place where**

- it can be supervised, for example close to the cash counters or an information desk
- there are no flammable materials nearby
- the collection box cannot be used as a waste bin
- the conditions are at room temperature and dry and where the collection box cannot fall
- there is a fire blanket or other suitable first-aid fire extinguishers nearby, as well as a fire alarm system.

### **4. Place the return instructions at a visible spot**

- You can print out the returning instructions on [www.paristokierratys.fi](http://www.paristokierratys.fi) (in the 'For collection points' section of the website) to attach them next to the collection box.
- Also place a roll of tape next to the collection box for covering the poles of charged or lithium-based batteries and accumulators.

### **5. Check the contents of the collection box regularly, preferably daily before closing the shop**

- Remove trash and other unsuitable contents, such as lightbulbs, electrical devices, etc.
- Check that the poles of lithium batteries and accumulators, in particular, have been covered with tape to reduce the risk of short circuit.
- Expired batteries can be returned in their sales packaging.

*If there are problems or safety hazards related to the recycling of batteries, please contact Recser Oy, the party in charge of battery recycling, immediately. All instructions for collection and pick-up orders can be found on the website of Paristokierrätys, [www.paristokierratys.fi](http://www.paristokierratys.fi), under the title 'For collection points'.*