

## Batteries and accumulators – Information for end users

The Battery Act (BattG) regulates the marketing, return and environmentally sound disposal of batteries and accumulators. The most important points are summarized here.

### 1. Separate collection of spent batteries / accumulators

End users should note the following:

Batteries and accumulators must not be disposed of with the residual waste. Therefore, end users are required by law to return used batteries and accumulators. Used batteries may contain harmful substances that can damage the environment or health if not disposed of properly. However, batteries and accumulators also contain important raw materials (e.g. iron, zinc, manganese, cobalt, nickel, graphite, copper, aluminum, lithium), which should be reused.

### 2. Collection

Spent batteries and accumulators can also be returned at municipal collection points or recycling centers or anywhere in the trade where batteries / accumulators are sold.

All types of batteries are affected, regardless of shape, size, mass, material composition or use. The law also applies to batteries that are built into or attached to products.

### 3. Notice for end-users regarding marking



**Cd** = Cadmium, **Hg** = Mercury, **Pb** = Lead

The symbol of the crossed-out dustbin indicates that disposal with household waste is prohibited! If batteries or accumulators contain relevant heavy metal components, they are additionally marked with the corresponding chemical symbol.

### 4. Obligation of the end user

End-users are required by law to return all used batteries and accumulators. Before returning, visible, open terminals of batteries and accumulators should be provided with appropriate protection (e.g. masking with adhesive tape) to prevent short circuits.

In this way, you fulfill your legal obligations and then make your contribution to environmental protection together with us.

More information can be found at <https://www.grs-batterien.de/batterien-und-recycling/>