These instructions must be followed exactly.

These instructions are for dry cell batteries only. If you are unsure of the type of batteries that you have, please contact Battery Solutions for assistance.

**Collection and Planning**

Under the Universal Waste Law, you must contact Battery Solutions before sending a shipment of Universal Waste Batteries so we can assign a recycling authorization tracking number to the shipment.

We will provide you with the address of the nearest Battery Solutions recycling center for your shipment and arrange transportation and handling, if needed.

When calling please let us know:

- If you do or do not have a loading dock or lift truck to load the batteries for shipment.
- If you do not have an asphalt or concrete loading area, please inform us before you package the batteries.

When ready to ship, Battery Solutions will supply you with a bill of lading for the trucking company compliant with U.S. DOT regulations.

Collection containers should be labeled while they are stored. The start accumulation date needs to be filled in with the date batteries are first placed in the container. If using a steel drum, it must be UN approved and must have a plastic liner.

While accumulating batteries, keep in mind that a 55-gallon drum of dry cell batteries will weigh approximately 700 lb., when full. If you do not have the proper equipment to handle full drums, place the drums on a sturdy pallet prior to starting accumulation so that they can be moved to the truck at the time of shipment.

**Packaging and Labeling**

All dry cell batteries must be placed in a proper shipping container. The container must be properly secured to a shipping pallet, free of non-compliant material.

Drums made for shipping are the recommended container for shipping bulk quantities of dry cell batteries. Drums with proper locking lids and approved labeling can be purchased at the Battery Solutions, by calling 800-852-8127.

The U.S. DOT requires placing tape on the metal terminals on all lithium and lead acid batteries as well as any battery chemistry over 9 volts before placing them in the shipping container. **USE CLEAR TAPE, Do not** use masking tape, colored tape or duct tape.

Make sure the lids on all drums are securely locked prior to shipping.

Each container must be individually labeled with a label that reads, “**Batteries, Dry, Sealed, N.O.S.**”. If lithium batteries are being recycled container must also be labeled with a “**Lithium Metal and/or Lithium Ion Batteries**” label. We will supply you with these labels, if needed.

Each container must have the “ship to” address provided by Battery Solutions clearly on it.

Shrink wrap the drums **heavily** to properly secure them to the pallet. Make sure the shrink wrap is all the way down around the pallet itself. Always use a heavy-duty pallet with 2x4 supports.

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**Contact Information**

To schedule a shipment or for any questions call Battery Solutions at 800-852-8127.

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Attention Battery Solutions, LLC Customers - Notice to Comply:

As the shipper of record you must fully comply with all U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

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