



What is Power Tool Batteryback?

Power Tool Batteryback is a free pilot program, running in Brisbane, designed to collect and recycle used power tool batteries. It will be used to evaluate the demand and structure of a future, permanent program. It will run until the end of June 2016 (subject to the available project budget and collection target).

How does it work?

As a power tool battery user, the program is straightforward:

- You collect your old power tool batteries (any brand name) that weigh less than 500 grams.
- Find a participating store in Brisbane by searching RecyclingNearYou.com.au/powertools.
- Drop them into the specially marked bins completely free of charge to you.

This pilot program will run for a limited time only, available until 30th June 2016 (subject to the available project budget and collection target).

How do I find a drop-off location?

There are specially marked bins in participating Bunnings, Masters and TradeTools stores in the Brisbane area.

Simply go to RecyclingNearYou.com.au/Powertools for a list of the participating stores.

WIN
one of ten

**Three piece 10.8 V
Bosch cordless kits
with tool bag valued
at \$199 each**

**To be in the running to win
all you need to do is fill in
our 2 minute survey about
power tool batteries at**

RecyclingNearYou.com.au/powertools

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scan
the QR
code



What types of batteries are accepted?

Any brand of power tool battery that weighs less than 500 grams is accepted. There is no limit on the number of batteries accepted.

Who is running the program?

The Power Tool Batteryback pilot project is an initiative of the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI), and is funded by the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

ABRI is a not-for-profit association, made up of industry, government and environment groups, and was established in 2008 to promote environmentally responsible management of batteries at end of life.

ABRI members – Planet Ark, Infoactiv, MRI and Australia Post are working together to deliver the program on behalf of ABRI.

Why is recycling batteries important?

More than 3 million used power tool batteries (around 2,010 tonnes) reached the end of their life in 2012-13. Less than 3% of handheld batteries are recycled. Batteries contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium and pose a risk to human health and the environment if disposed of inappropriately. They also contain valuable metals such as cadmium, zinc, manganese and cobalt as well as rare earth elements. These materials can be recovered and used in the manufacture of new products, reducing the consumption of finite natural resources.

What happens to the batteries?

The batteries collected are safely transported to a specialist recycling facility operated by MRI where they are sorted by battery type or chemistry. The sorted batteries are then transported overseas for final processing and recycling under strict regulations and standards. As community awareness and collection volumes increase local processing of alkaline and lithium batteries may become commercially viable in addition to the current local processing capabilities of lead acid batteries.

What can I do with items that are not accepted in the program?

Please visit RecyclingNearYou.com.au to find alternate locations and services to recycle these products.



More Information

Website

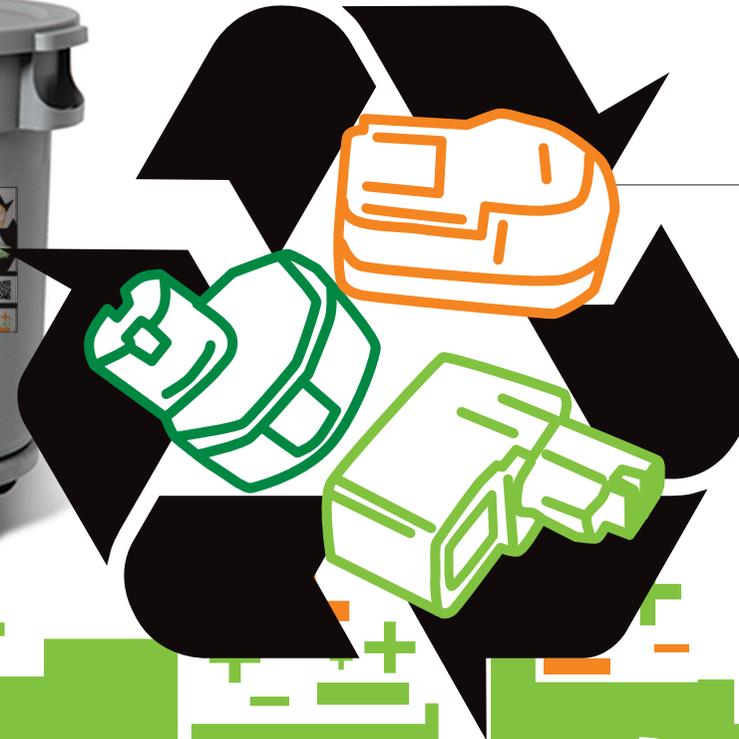
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