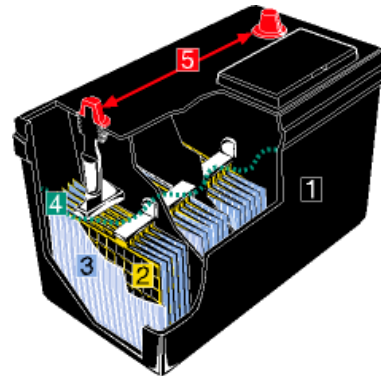


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## Lead Acid Battery Recycling Get a Jump On It!

If you have a dead battery you should know it is now illegal to dispose of the battery in your trash. Most of us use lead-acid batteries in our cars, trucks and recreational vehicles. With use, these batteries run down and eventually die. If not properly handled, lead-acid batteries can leak contaminants into the soil and water.



### Did You Know?

- ✓ A typical lead-acid battery weighs 36 pounds and contains 18 pounds of lead, 1 gallon of sulfuric acid, other compounds and a heat-resistant housing usually made of plastic.
- ✓ Lead-acid batteries have a recycling rate of 96%, beating out newspapers (68%) and aluminum (63.5%) in 1997.

Instead of dumping your lead-acid batteries, you must take your dead battery to a retail store, distributor or a battery recycling facility for recycling. By law, retailers must accept used batteries from customers and distributors must accept batteries from their retailers.

### Information You Should Know!

You can give your used battery for recycling to a retailer at the time you purchase a new one.

- ✓ The retailer will charge you a \$5.00 "return incentive payment" if you do not return a used battery when you buy a replacement.
- ✓ The retailer, who sold you the battery, will refund the \$5.00 payment if you return a used battery within 30 days of the purchase date.

### Retailers and Distributors Must:

- ✓ Accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual.
- ✓ Post signs displaying the universal recycling symbol and stating the following:

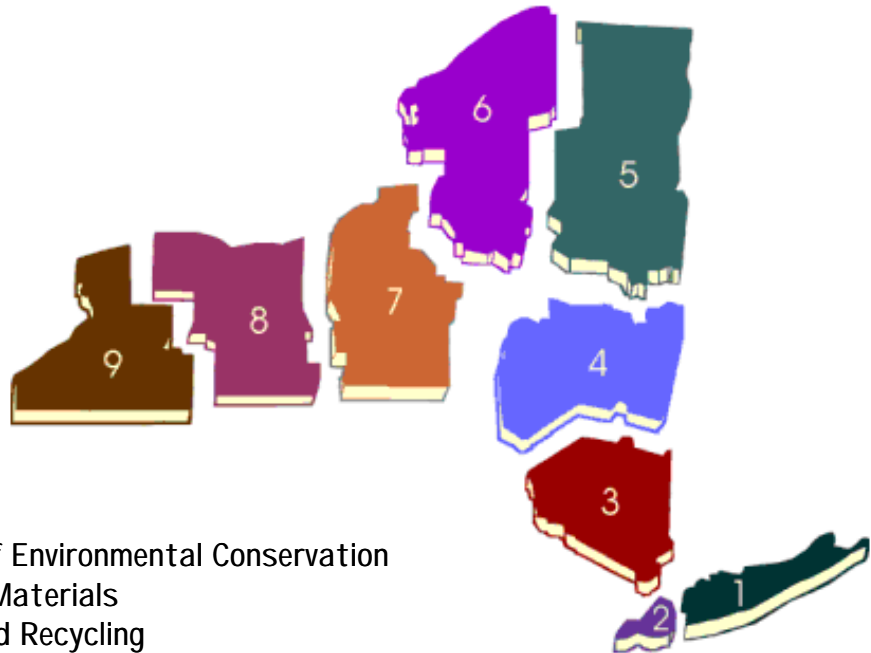
**IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCARD VEHICLE BATTERIES.  
STATE LAW REQUIRES US TO ACCEPT VEHICLE BATTERIES  
FREE OF CHARGE FOR RECYCLING.**

- ✓ Retailers can legally keep unredeemed payments.

For further information about lead-acid battery recycling, contact your nearest DEC regional office.

### Regional Offices:

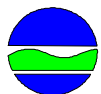
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