

## Who organises the disposal and recycling of batteries?

### **INOBAT, the battery disposal interest group**

INOBAT levies the advance disposal fee on behalf of the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN). It uses this money to finance and organise collection, transport and recycling of used batteries, together with communication measures for the trade and population.

### **Battery recycling in the Bernese Oberland**

All used appliance batteries and accumulators from Switzerland end up at Batrec in Wimmis. The batteries are recycled in one of the world's most up to date and efficient facilities. The recovered metals are used primarily in the building trade. For example, castings or drain covers are produced from iron manganese. Zinc is used to protect iron parts such as balustrades or steel girders against rust.



Further information about battery recycling in Switzerland can be obtained at [www.inobat.ch](http://www.inobat.ch) or directly from us:

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**Batteries  
need to be returned**  
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## Important information about battery recycling

30 million batteries end up in landfill every year.  
Bring yours back.

## Batteries and accumulators are trendy

Never before have so many batteries and accumulators been used like today. They are fitted in E-Bikes, mobile phones, tablets and laptops. And also in tools, watches and of course in remote controls. All these batteries and accumulators have two things in common: they do not last forever and should be brought back for recycling at the end of their useful life.



## Why should I recycle batteries?

### Because it's good for the environment and for resources

Used batteries and accumulators contain large amounts of reusable materials. Those materials are recovered in the recycling process and therefore do not have to be left to decompose in nature. At the same time, this helps to protect the environment against heavy metals.

### Because batteries are special waste

In Switzerland, used batteries are classed as special waste. You as a consumer are required by law to take the batteries back to the point of sale or to a special collection point.



## How and where can I dispose of my batteries?

### Points of sale take batteries and accumulators back

In Switzerland, all retail outlets and the trade have a statutory obligation to take these items back. Batteries and accumulators can be handed in again free of charge at every point where they can be bought – regardless of whether you make a purchase. In Switzerland, this means that there are more than 11,000 collection points, ranging from the retail trade to specialist outlets and department stores, post offices, kiosks and filling station shops. Watch out for the relevant facilities or for the INOBAT collection box or enquire with the sales personnel.



You can order convenient collection containers at [www.inobat.ch](http://www.inobat.ch).

### Central collection by local authorities

In many localities used batteries and accumulators can also be handed in to public or private collection points.

### Many businesses are taking part voluntarily

Companies too are setting a good example by making collection points available to their staff.

## How much do I have to pay for battery disposal?

### You have already paid

The sale price of batteries and accumulators includes an advance disposal fee (VEG). No charge is therefore made to you for subsequent disposal of batteries and accumulators.