



Frequently Asked Questions

Lead Recycling

1. Does Terrapure recycle all types of batteries?

Our lead recycling facilities are primarily focused on the recycling of lead-acid batteries. These can be from vehicles, golf carts, backup power, forklifts and other large equipment. While we do not directly recycle other chemistries of batteries, we do facilitate their movement along the recycling path. Contact us for more details.

2. What happens to all the separated parts of the battery when you break them down?

- The lead is purified, re-constituted in specific customer-driven formulas and resold – predominantly back to battery manufacturers
- The plastics are separated, cleaned and sold for recycling
- The acid is collected and managed in an environmentally sound manner
- See exactly how batteries are separated ([Watch Video](#))

3. Aside from cars, what other sources are there for lead-acid batteries?

We also get lead-acid batteries from backup power units from facilities such as schools, hospitals and financial institutions, as well as from forklifts, golf carts and heavy machinery.

4. Do hybrid and other new-technology vehicles have lead-acid batteries?

Almost all hybrid vehicles have a lead-acid battery as well as an electric power source.

5. How many times can a lead-acid battery be recycled?

The lead from a battery can be recycled an unlimited number of times.

6. Can I drop off my old batteries at your facility?

While we can accept some batteries at our facilities, it is best to [contact](#) your nearest facility for more details.



7. Do you sell new batteries or take exchanges?

We do not do exchanges or sell new/refurbished batteries.

8. Who else would use the reclaimed lead that you sell?

Lead is used in a number of applications. Predominantly, it goes to new batteries, as well as medical radiation shielding, wheel weights, roofing and ammunition.

9. Do you buy used lead-acid batteries?

We are happy to quote on used batteries. They must be packaged properly for transport.

10. Do you buy other types of scrap lead?

While we primarily focus on scrap lead-acid batteries as that is our specialty, please [contact us](#) to inquire about other types of materials we accept.

11. Do you process or recycle any other types of base metals at your facility?

Our facilities receive spent lead-acid batteries and other lead-bearing materials into their lead recycling processes. Additionally, we process a wide variety of industrial wastes. Please [contact us](#) for more information.