



## Lead Acid Batteries

Lead acid batteries are banned from landfill in South Australia, as they contain toxic heavy metals. They also contain non-renewable metals, including lead, which can be recycled.

### RECYCLING

Please visit [www.businessrecycling.com.au](http://www.businessrecycling.com.au) for a list of businesses that are able to recycle lead acid batteries and information on where to find them.

### TRANSPORT

Lead acid batteries are classified as a 'Dangerous Good' under the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail (ADG Code). Any organisation involved in transporting used lead acid batteries must comply with the Code (refer to the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative website).

The transportation of used lead acid batteries (ULAB) is not to be taken lightly. If a ULAB is not sealed, you will need a Class A licence to transport it. Also, if you are handling more than 500 ULABs per year, you will need a licence from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). They can be contacted on 8204 2058 or through [licensing.epa@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:licensing.epa@epa.sa.gov.au).

### STORAGE

Used lead acid batteries need to be carefully managed to avoid pollution and environmental harm, and to avoid skin irritation or burns that may occur from handling damaged or leaking batteries. Obligations for businesses handling dangerous goods, including ULAB, are outlined in the National Code for Storage and Handling of Workplace Dangerous Goods.

In general, when storing lead acid batteries prior to disposal:

- Keep them away from other chemicals and food.
- Use protective clothing to handle used batteries.
- Keep them away from inhabited buildings.
- Keep them away from heat sources (strong light, sun, oven or machinery).

### PENALTIES

There are significant penalties that may apply to a business or individual who causes environmental harm, including failure to properly store or dispose of hazardous waste such as batteries.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

The MTA is dedicated to assisting with all your environmental needs including which business may be able to assist you with your environmental requirements. If you have any queries, please contact the MTA on [environmental@mta-sa.asn.au](mailto:environmental@mta-sa.asn.au).

To further improve your business's environmental performance, the Green Stamp accreditation has been specifically developed for the automotive industry, for more information contact the WR team on 8291 2000.

