



Fire Prevention
MRC Pontiac

FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT



Keep a fire extinguisher and
a working smoke detector
nearby.



IN CASE OF FIRE
OR SMOKE,
CALL **9-1-1**



PROTECT.



PACKAGE.



DROP OFF.



Do not place batteries
in the garbage or blue bin.
Bring them to a municipal
drop-off point.

BATTERY RISK

IMPROPERLY SORTED
BATTERIES CAN CAUSE A FIRE.



Even a 'dead' battery can
still hold a charge.
If it comes into contact with
other batteries or metal,
it can heat up, spark,
and cause a fire.



TAPE IT.



BAG IT.



BRING IT BACK.

Never place batteries in the garbage
or recycling bin.
Bring them to a municipal
drop-off location.



BEFORE PURCHASE

1



Make sure the product,
the battery and the charger are
certified (CSA, cUL or cETL).

2



Buy from reliable retailers
and manufacturers.

3



Use only a battery
and charger that are compatible and
recommended by the manufacturer.



DURING USE

1



Follow the manufacturer's
instructions.

2



Charge the battery on a
hard, stable, non-combustible
surface.

3



Never charge a device
on a bed, couch
or under a pillow.

4



Stop using it immediately
if it swells, overheats,
gives off an unusual odor,
changes color or is
damaged.

5



Unplug devices once
charging is complete.

THE RISKS

— Before purchase and during use —



1 SHORT CIRCUIT

Contact between the terminals causes a short circuit.



2 HEAT AND SPARKS

A short circuit generates heat and sparks.



3 FIRE RISK

Sparks can ignite combustible materials.



Even a dead battery can still contain energy.



NEVER MIX USED BATTERIES LOOSE IN BULK.

USE SAFE PRACTICES

1 COVER THE TERMINALS WITH TAPE.

Use non-conductive adhesive tape and cover only the terminals.



ACCEPTABLE TAPE



Electrical tape



Clear packing tape



Duct tape

UNACCEPTABLE TAPE



Painter's tape



Masking tape



Foam insulation tape



Colored bags or grocery bags



Paper or waxed bags

2 PLACE BUTTON BATTERIES IN SMALL INDIVIDUAL BAGS

or use the "ravioli" method with clear packing tape.

INDIVIDUAL BAGS



OR

"RAVIOLI" METHOD



3 KEEP DAMAGED BATTERIES SEPARATE.



DROP OFF YOUR BATTERIES IN THE BOX

at a municipal drop-off point

BATTERIES ACCEPTED IN THE BOX

1 Rechargeable batteries (under 5 kg)



Ni-Cd, Li-ion, Ni-MH, SLA/Pb, Ni-Zn

2 Single-use batteries (under 5 kg)



Alkaline: AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, button batteries, primary batteries

3 Small cordless tool batteries and small electronic devices (yes, they go in the box)



Drop off your used batteries in the box available in municipal offices, among other locations.



If in doubt, do not place the battery in the box.
Ask municipal staff for advice.