

224.50-420 Definitions for KRS 224.50-420 and 224.50-422 -- Prohibition on placing covered battery in solid waste or recycling container. (Effective July 15, 2026)

(1) As used in this section and KRS 224.50-422:

(a) "Battery-containing product":

1. Means a product that contains or is packaged with a covered battery; and
2. Does not include computers, small-scale servers, computer monitors, electronic keyboards and mice, printers, fax machines, scanners, televisions, digital video disc players and recorders, video cassette recorders, digital converter boxes, cable receivers, satellite receivers, portable digital music players, or video game consoles;

(b) "Covered battery":

1. Means a portable battery or a medium format battery; and
2. Does not include a battery:
 - a. That is contained in a medical device regulated under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 301 et seq., and is not designed or marketed for sale or resale at retail locations for personal use;
 - b. That contains an electrolyte as a free liquid or a product that contains such a battery;
 - c. Designed to power a motor vehicle, part of a motor vehicle, or a component part of a motor vehicle assembled by, or for, a vehicle manufacturer or franchised dealer, including replacement parts for use in a motor vehicle;
 - d. In a product that is not intended or designed to be easily removable from the product;
 - e. Or battery-containing product that is being recalled for safety reasons; or
 - f. Or battery-containing product offered for resale by a business that, as part of its operations, offers products for resale to other businesses or to consumers;

(c) "Medium format battery" means:

1. For batteries that are not capable of being recharged, a battery that weighs more than four and four-tenths (4.4) pounds but not more than twenty-five (25) pounds; or
2. For rechargeable batteries, a battery that weighs more than eleven (11) pounds or has a rating of more than three hundred (300) watt-hours, or both, but that does not weigh more than twenty-five (25) pounds or have a rating of more than two thousand (2,000) watt-hours;

(d) "Portable battery" means:

1. For batteries that are not capable of being recharged, a battery that weighs no more than four and four-tenths (4.4) pounds; or

2. For rechargeable batteries, a battery that weighs no more than eleven (11) pounds and has a rating of no more than three hundred (300) watt-hours;
 - (e) "Rechargeable battery" means a battery that contains one (1) or more voltaic or galvanic cells electrically connected to produce electric energy and that is designed to be recharged;
 - (f) "Recovery" means the collection, accumulation, and transportation of covered batteries or battery-containing products for the purpose of introducing them into a recycling process; and
 - (g) "Voluntary battery stewardship organization" means a voluntary organization designated by the cabinet to directly implement a covered battery stewardship plan approved by the cabinet.
- (2) Beginning on June 30, 2027, a person shall not place or cause to be placed a covered battery in a curbside, commercial front load, or roll-off container that is used for either solid waste disposal or recycling.

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