




Lithium-Ion Batteries Safety Tips



ATTENTION PHILLIPSBURG RESIDENTS

The Phillipsburg Fire Department would like to advise our residents of the alarming number of fires nationwide caused by **LITHIUM-ION** batteries. These batteries are in e-bikes, scooters, and hoverboards just to name a few.

-  Buy only Underwriters Laboratories approved products and devices. The UL mark shows that the product has been safety tested.
- Only use original manufacturer replacement batteries and charging cords.
- Do not charge phones and other devices under a pillow, on your bed, or a couch.
- Unplug the charger when charging is complete.
- Charge outdoors and away from buildings when possible, If not possible do not charge near exits.
- If a battery overheats or you notice an odor, change in shape/color/leaking, or odd noises from a device discontinue use immediately. If safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the non-emergency number of the fire department at 908-454-5502. If there is a fire please call 9-1-1.

Battery disposal: Used batteries can be recycled at Lowes, and Home Depot or contacting the county at 908-453-2174

