



AT&T Statement on Lead-Acid Batteries

In our increasingly connected world, AT&T's responsible management of its network, products and services can provide environmental benefits and help promote more sustainable decisions by AT&T's stakeholders. As part of this effort, AT&T is minimizing its own environmental impact by reducing waste and ensuring exhausted materials are handled in an appropriate and responsible manner.

AT&T uses lead-acid batteries in its operations, such as vehicles and back-up power systems for network facilities. These batteries are necessary to deliver services to our customers and ensure network reliability and, at the end of life, can be recycled and re-used. Concerns have been raised about increasing exports of lead-acid batteries from the United States to recycling operations in Mexico and other countries, where lower standards can have a significant impact on environmental safety and public health.

Recognizing these concerns, AT&T is working to ensure it does not export used lead-acid batteries outside the United States for disposition and recycling. Specifically, by the end of 2014, AT&T intends:

- To prohibit suppliers contracted to manage its used lead-acid batteries from shipping such batteries outside the United States for recycling or other disposition.
- To require suppliers contracted to manage its used lead-acid batteries to maintain appropriate records to demonstrate safe shipping, handling and recycling of such batteries.
- To monitor such suppliers to ensure they understand and comply with the above requirements.

AT&T seeks to live up to the highest standards of ethics, integrity and responsibility in its own operations and the work by suppliers on its behalf. AT&T is committed to do business with suppliers, third parties and business partners that enhance AT&T's level of service, provide products and services of quality, and share its commitments to human rights, and ethical and sustainable business practices. The company's core values are reflected in its global [Code of Business Conduct](#), and these commitments are affirmed in its [human rights policy](#) and [principles of conduct for suppliers](#). Additionally, AT&T outlines its overarching commitment to the environment, health and safety through its [Environment, Health & Safety Policy](#).

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