



# Small but mighty

They may be tiny, but old batteries and small appliances don't belong in household rubbish!

They look small, but they're packed with raw materials. When collected and recycled correctly, small electrical appliances are more valuable than you'd think! Yet far too often, electric toothbrushes, remote controls, electronic toys and similar devices wind up in the household rubbish when they break or wear out. Not only does this waste valuable raw materials, these devices also contain hazardous substances, as well as rechargeable batteries that could cause a fire if disposed of improperly.

## Small devices – big value

Small appliances and devices include almost all portable electrical devices, including irons, blenders, coffee machines and radios, but also power tools like drills or hand-held circular saws and computer accessories like keyboards, prin-

ters, mice, USB sticks, telephones and headsets. In short, any device whose longest rigid edge is 50 cm or less in length.

## Off to the collection point

When devices powered by single-use or rechargeable batteries break down and can no longer be repaired, they should be returned to one of Austria's 2000 or so dedicated collection points, where you can drop them off simply, easily and free of charge during opening hours. But remember: Before taking your electrical devices to the collection point, please be sure to take out the batteries, since they're recycled separately. Also keep in mind that many major retail outlets will let you return your old electrical appliance or device when you buy a new one of similar value.