

# Hazardous waste treatment of lithium iron phosphate batteries

What is a waste lithium iron phosphate (LFP) battery?

Waste lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries consist of various of metallic and nonmetallic materials, with lithium being a critical strategic resource in the new energy era. Therefore, recycling LFP batteries has become a primary means of secondary lithium resource recovery.

#### Can lithium iron phosphate batteries be recycled?

In this paper the most recent advances in lithium iron phosphate batteries recycling are presented. After discharging operations and safe dismantling and pretreat-ments, the recovery of materials from the active materials is mainly performed via hydrometallurgical processes.

### Are lithium iron phosphate batteries safe?

Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries have gained widespread recognition for their exceptional thermal stability,remarkable cycling performance,non-toxicattributes,and cost-effectiveness. However,the increased adoption of LFP batteries has led to a surge in spent LFP battery disposal.

### What is the recovery rate of lithium in waste LFP batteries?

At present, the overall recovery rate of lithium in waste LFP batteries is still less than 1% (Kim et al., 2018). Recycling technology is immature, the process is still complex and cumbersome, and it will cause pollution to the environment, so the current methods require further improvement (Wang et al., 2022).

#### Why are lithium iron phosphate batteries becoming a growing trend?

Proc. Lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries are becoming a growing trend as a consequence of EU regulations and their advantages over nickel manganese cobalt (NMC) batteries. The use of LFP batteries is expected to increase considerably globally, creating an enormous waste problem.

### How phosphorus and lithium phosphate can be recycled?

In one approach, lithium, iron, and phosphorus are recovered separately, and produced into corresponding compounds such as lithium carbonate, iron phosphate, etc., to realize the recycling of resources. The other approach involves the repair of LFP material by direct supplementation of elements, and then applying it to LIBs again.

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Hazardous components of LFP batteries, especially chemically unstable LiPF 6 and LiBF 4 electrolytes, pose risks to the environment and human health [4]. This review meticulously examines and systematically synthesizes cutting-edge research at different stages of the LFP battery recycling process.



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Compared with other lithium ion battery positive electrode materials, lithium iron phosphate (LFP) with an olive structure has many good characteristics, including low cost, high safety, good thermal stability, and good circulation performance, and so is a promising positive material for lithium-ion batteries [1], [2], [3].LFP has a low electrochemical potential.

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Our research group has realized the direct selective leaching of lithium from industrial grade LFP battery waste powder containing multiple metal components, through the combined action of formic acid and hydrogen peroxide, the leaching rate of Li can reach more than 97%, and at the same time, the leaching rates of Fe, Cu, Al, Mn, Co, and Ni ...

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