

SWANA Workgroup for Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

The lithium-ion battery workgroup launched by SWANA brings together industry professionals to identify immediate and long-term solutions to lithium-ion battery management and fire prevention.

Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries are becoming increasingly common in collection vehicles and at collection sites, transfer stations, MRFs, and landfills, resulting in a safety risk and costly property damage.

All SWANA members are welcome to join this workgroup. This group is for you if:

- Your organization is experiencing issues with fires caused by lithium-ion batteries,
- You'd like to learn and share information on how to better respond to and manage these fires,
- Your job includes communicating about or managing proper lithium-ion battery recycling,
- You are responsible for or can advocate for policies that will improve safety surrounding lithium-ion batteries,
- You want to prevent these fires from happening, or
- You have ideas and/or technologies to share on preventing this issue.

The SWANA Lithium-Ion Battery Workgroup investigates solutions and develops recommendations that will leverage communications, policy, technology, and innovation. By joining this workgroup, you will have the opportunity to discuss challenges and potential solutions with other industry experts, and to develop recommendations for tackling this urgent issue.

The three Sub-Workgroups focus on specific topics related to the larger issue.

The **Communications & Outreach Sub-Workgroup** focuses on best practices for consumer-facing communication and education for proper battery and electronics disposal and the risk of improper handling.

The **Facility & Vehicle Safety Sub-Workgroup** focuses on best practices and policies for protecting workers and preventing damage at facilities and in vehicles, including technology and equipment for battery detection and fire prevention.

The **Advocacy & Public Policy Sub-Workgroup** focuses on laws, regulations, and voluntary action for improving battery and electronics collection, recycling, labeling, design, and more.

Join us to discuss solutions to this important challenge to the industry.

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