Battery Storage Precaution:

Please leave your coin batteries in their original packaging until you are ready to use them. Never just pile up the batteries or toss them into a cup. And be sure to keep the packaging. You can use it to store the batteries if you want to save them for next year.

Why not just toss the batteries in a pile?

Because each battery is storing energy. A battery has a positive (+) side and a negative (-) side. If a piece of metal makes contact with both the positive and the negative side of the battery, electrical energy can flow rapidly from the positive side to the negative side, heating up the metal as it goes. That heat can cause a fire or an explosion.

If you forget and throw away the packaging, just make sure to store the batteries so that there is an insulating material, such as plastic or cardboard, between the batteries.