



Get the Facts: Universal Waste

Types of Universal Waste

- Lamps – fluorescent, HID, halogen, incandescent, CFL, metal halide, sodium, UV
- Batteries – all but alkaline (lead acid, nickel cadmium (NiCd), nickel metal hydride (NiMH), silver cell, lithium, mercury)
- Mercury containing articles (thermometers, thermostats)
- Pesticides-recalled under FIFRA

Labeling Requirements

- Accumulation start date (the date it became a waste)
- Specific Wording:
 - “Used Lamps”
 - “Used Batteries”
 - “Used Mercury Containing Articles”
 - “Used Pesticide”

Storage Requirements

- Must be stored in a way that prevents releases to the environment
- Store in a properly labeled, closed, structurally sound, compatible container
- **Boxes must be taped closed except when actually adding Universal Waste**
- Containers must be stored in a secured, covered area off the ground
- Do not tape or bind lamps together
- Store only until box is full or, for multiple boxes, no longer than a week

Disposal Requirements

- Deliver to your designated Collection Area within 6 months of accumulation start date
- Must be disposed of within 1 year of accumulation start date (should be disposed of as soon as reasonable)

Emergency Response Procedures

- **Lamps:** Avoid dust generated from breakage. Immediately contain releases and handle residues appropriately. Sweep or pick up broken pieces. DO NOT VACUUM. Large Broken lamps (>1') can be packed with the intact lamps. Small Broken lamps (<1') should be packaged into a small box lined with a heavy-duty garbage bag and label “**Used Lamps-Broken**”.
- **Batteries, Mercury and Pesticides:** If cracked but not leaking, place in plastic secondary container. If leaking, immediately contain the release to prevent spread. Call EHSO immediately @ 7-5922 for spill clean up.