Universal Waste Guidelines

✓ Universal waste includes but is not limited to Fluorescent Bulbs, Batteries and Ballasts.

✓ Broken Fluorescent bulbs should be placed in a container (usually a 55 gal drum) and must be sealed at all times. Open container with broken bulbs is a violation.

✓ All bulbs must be segregated according to their type. (4ft, 10ft, 8ft, circular, U-bend etc).

✓ All used bulbs must be placed in appropriate boxes and once full must be closed and taped properly.

✓ All boxes with used bulbs should be labeled with appropriate labels.

✓ All boxes and containers with bulbs or any universal waste must be dated. The day the first waste goes in the container is the accumulation start date.

✓ Any box or containers without dates are subject to penalty of $250 per day per bulb up to a maximum of 365 days.

✓ All PCB ballasts must be separated from Non PCB ballasts. Any ballast containing drum cannot be filled more than 2/3rd of its volume.

✓ All batteries must be segregated according to their type (Lead-Acid, Alkaline, Lithium and Ni-Cad).

✓ Irrespective of the voltage, all lead-acid batteries must be taped and can be put only in a plastic drum. Metal drums cannot be used to store lead-acid batteries.

✓ Regardless of type, all other batteries 9 volts and higher must be taped.

✓ Regardless of the type, any kind of universal waste cannot be stored for more than 365 days.

✓ Any violation of the above guidelines will result in non-acceptance of the waste container and the responsible party has to ensure that all the guidelines are met before requesting a pick up.

✓ There will be only one technician available from the waste management company and two personnel from the respective department should be present at all times till the entire waste is loaded on to the truck.