



Universal Waste Guidelines

- Universal waste includes but is not limited to Fluorescent Bulbs, Batteries, Ballasts, and Aerosol Cans.
- 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, kept closed and labeled properly with “Used Bulbs” and the date.
- Any box or containers containing Fluorescent Bulbs, Batteries, Ballasts, or Aerosol Cans must be clearly labeled and dated.
- 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).
- All lead-acid battery terminals 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 along the terminals.
- Aerosol cans are able to be punctured at EHSRM. Once cans are punctured they may be treated as metal recyclable waste.
- Regardless of the type, any kind of universal waste cannot be stored for more than 365 days.