

UNIVERSAL WASTE



Hazardous waste made easier to handle.

Universal wastes are products containing mercury or other toxic heavy metals that may pose risks to human health or the environment if not managed properly. Within healthcare facilities, they include:

- Sphygmomanometers
- Thermostats
- Bulbs (fluorescent)
- Ballasts
- Batteries
- Electronics

How do you properly manage universal waste?

When you make Waste Management your environmental solutions provider, our regulatory experts can help you sort out the myriad federal, state and local mandates relevant to properly managing the hazardous materials within your facility. Together, we'll implement best management practices, doing so in a way that maximizes both your financial and environmental performance.

We'll take a comprehensive approach to helping you achieve your institution's environmental and economic goals and provide an incomparable infrastructure to efficiently and affordably handle your waste. At Waste Management, we supplement our nationwide capabilities with a growing array of innovative solutions for safeguarding your patients, your employees and your reputation.



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Universal waste poses risk.

Universal wastes are materials that contain hazardous wastes that have the potential to harm people or the environment. They include such widely distributed products as lamps, thermostats, thermometers and batteries. To encourage recovery of these products for proper treatment as hazardous wastes, the universal waste rule reduces the regulatory burden of paperwork, packaging and transport. The actual treatment standards for universal waste are the same as for hazardous waste.

A program for universal waste.

As your forward-thinking environmental solutions provider, Waste Management can help you meet and exceed best-practice guidelines, including federal EPA RCRA regulations. You can count on us to monitor state and local mandates to keep your operation in compliance.

We can also advise you on how to design, implement and manage a comprehensive collection program for all your universal waste. We provide everything from sample policies and procedures, to training classes, to educational signage. We have material-specific collection programs that ensure the safe transport, proper disposal or beneficial reuse of your universal waste.

Together, we can set realistic operational goals, then provide you with the supporting expertise and data necessary to achieve measurable results. We work with you to evaluate your waste/recyclables-handling processes, equipment and facilities to make certain they're operating at peak performance.

A place for everything. Everything in its place.

At Waste Management, we understand the unique challenges hospitals and healthcare facilities face, and we have a suite of options to meet your needs.

Our programs include state-of-the-art resource recovery facilities, certified drivers, and best-in-class pollution control technology.

- Our MercuryTracker™ program makes it easy for your institution to safely recycle mercury-laden items such as sphygmomanometers, ballasts, and thermostats.
- Our BatteryTracker™ program helps you safely recycle the multitude of various dry-cell batteries your facility currently uses.
- Our LampTracker® program ensures the safe storage and approved shipment of used fluorescent bulbs.
- Our eScrapTracker® program recycles computers, display monitors, televisions, circuit boards and other electronics. Key components are our ISO 14001-certified eCycling facilities.
- Our universal waste recycling operations can accommodate pallet shipments of any combination of universal waste.

All our universal waste solutions provide certificates of recycling to support our customers who have regulatory mandates for properly managing universal waste.

Contact your Waste Management specialist today at 1-866-931-6321 or visit us at healthcare.wm.com to learn how to get more value out of what you throw away.

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