



UNIVERSAL WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION FACT SHEET

This fact sheet provides a quick guide for the proper disposal of *Ursinus College owned* universal waste and electronics. Always try to return any recyclable items to the vendor first. Most vendors who supply rechargeable batteries will take them back. Contact the Environmental Health & Safety/Risk Manager if further assistance is required.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES - include nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), sealed lead acid, lithium ion (Li-ion), and nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH) found in cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, 2-way radios, remote control toys and cordless power tools.

- **Take to the closest collection site for disposal – Campus Safety Office, Information Technology in Myrin Library, Sustainability Office - Pfahler 112, or Facilities Office.**
- Tape the electrical terminals with non-conductive tape OR
- Place each battery into a sealed plastic bag.

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- Place the battery in the properly labeled collection container.

ALKALINE BATTERIES - Ursinus College is unable to recycle these types of batteries. Dispose of these in the regular trash.

LAMPS – include mercury fluorescent, high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high-pressure sodium, and metal halide.

- Place spent lamp in the carton/container of the new lamp.
- Date and label the carton/container with “Universal Waste – lamps”.
- Take scientific lamps to the Chemistry Stockroom, Pfahler 314b. All other lamps are disposed of at the Facilities Services Building.

***Note: Home Depot and Lowes recycle consumer compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs). Facilities Services will also take CFLs for \$2.00/lamp.**

MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES/THERMOSTATS

- Place the mercury-containing ampule in a compatible, closed container.
- Date and label the container with “Universal Waste – Mercury Containing Device”.
- Take the container with the ampule to the Facilities Services Building.

If you have equipment containing mercury, contact the EH&S/Risk Manager at ext. 3221.

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- Contact the EH&S/Risk Manager at ext. 3221.

ELECTRONICS – include **College owned** computer monitors, CPU units, printers, mice, keyboards, TVs, AV equipment, servers, laptops and more. Contact Information Technology at ext. 3789 for assistance.

***Note:** For more information on disposal of personally owned electronics including TVs and computers, check the [Montgomery County Recycling Site](#).