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Universal Waste Guidelines



Four types of waste are currently covered under the EPA Universal Waste Regulations: 1) Spent Batteries, 2) Recalled or Unused Pesticides, 3) Thermostats, 4) Lamps, and Mercury Containing Devices. The centralized storage area for Facilities' Universal Waste is Thompson Building's Garage. Fluorescent Lamps are stored in the closet just south of the bay doors. Spent Lead-Acid Batteries are stored against the west wall towards the rear of space.

All containers used to collect universal waste shall be properly constructed, kept closed when not in use, and labeled as shown above. Plastic tote bins [with lids] can be used to collect all forms [alkaline, nickel cadmium, lithium, etc.] of remaining batteries sizes consumed at your location.

Establish a battery recycling station for which all workers can deposit spent batteries and sort by type. An acid neutralization spill kit is located within the Thompson Bldg Garage should there be an accidental battery acid release.

Return all universal waste materials to the appropriate storage area and do NOT leave unattended at any time.