

BATTERIES

UNIVERSAL WASTE HANDLING PROCEDURES

**40
CFR
Part 273**

Regulatory requirements differ from small to large quantity handlers of universal waste, but in any case, handlers of universal waste must be trained in UWM (universal waste management).

*This information is intended to be a brief overview of the regulations for managing "Universal Wastes". It is not a complete guide, additional regulations may apply. Review **40 CFR Part 273**, and your state regulations, for all applicable requirements.*



STEPS 1-5 MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE PICKUP OR SHIPPING.

1

Containers

Use the proper container for your waste outlined below.

2

Labeling

All containers **MUST BE** labeled when stored.

3

Accumulation Date

Labels **MUST HAVE** accumulation date completed. *(The date you started filling the container)*

4

Waste Types

Waste in a container **MUST NOT** be commingled with other waste.

5

Closed & Secured

Containers **MUST BE** properly sealed and **kept in a cool dry location**.



UNACCEPTABLE PACKING.

Avoid extra charges or a delay in pickup or shipping.

X

Damaged Containers

Water damage, ripped, broken, or punctured containers are prohibited.

X

Off-Spec Waste Items

Trash, cardboard, plastic bags, and other off-spec waste items are prohibited.

X

Untaped Waste Items

Many battery types **require taping** of the terminal(s). See below for additional guidance.

X

Broken or Leaking Waste

We **CANNOT** accept waste items that are broken or leaking.

X

Storage Limit

DO NOT store waste over a 1 year period. Universal waste has a 1 year storage limit.

BATTERY TYPES

All chemistry types including: Lead Acid, Alkaline, Nickel Cadmium (NiCad), Zinc-Carbon (Zn), Rechargeable Lithium-ion (Li-Ion), Lithium (Primary), Nickel-Metal Hydride (NiMH), Mercury, Silver-Oxide, Zinc Air, etc.

TAPE YOUR TERMINALS: There is one easy, but critical step prior to depositing batteries into the recycling containers. To prevent short circuit and possible fire, tape your battery terminals. Terminals must not come into contact with other terminals, batteries, or metal objects. Place a non-conductive tape over the battery terminals, or place the batteries in their original battery packaging. You can also individually bag each battery.

Additionally, alkaline batteries **when not mixed with other chemistries** do not require battery terminal protection, so you can deposit these batteries "as-is" in the proper NLR collection container.



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