



LAMPS

UNIVERSAL WASTE HANDLING PROCEDURES

ACCEPTED WASTE

- All linear fluorescent lamps: 2', 4', 8' etc.
- CFL, PL, HID, HPS, U-Shaped, Circleline, Biax
- Ultraviolet and Germicidal lamps – All mercury (Hg) styles
- Non-mercury lamps: Incandescent, LED, PAR Flood, Halogen, etc.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Wet lamps, water-damaged packaging, or crushed pallets and boxes with released breakage.

Important:

Intentionally breaking fluorescent lamps is strongly discouraged, as the released mercury and broken glass pose serious health and environmental risks. Broken bulbs may be treated as hazardous waste and require specialized handling, labeling, and transportation for proper disposal.



Complete Before Pickup or Shipping

1. Use Approved Containers

Only use the designated container type for each specific waste stream.

2. Apply Labels

All containers must be labeled at the time of storage.

3. Mark Accumulation Date

Clearly write the start date (the day you began filling the container) on the label.

4. Keep Waste Types Separate

Do not mix different types of waste within the same container.

5. Seal and Store Properly

Ensure containers are sealed securely and stored in a cool, dry area.



Unacceptable Packing

✗ Damaged Containers

Containers that are water damaged, ripped, broken, or punctured are not allowed.

✗ Off-Spec Waste

Do not include trash, cardboard, plastic bags, or any other non-approved materials.

✗ Taped Waste Items

Lamps must not be taped or secured together. Keep loose.

✗ Broken or Leaking Waste

Containers must be intact and not leaking. All boxes must be closed and taped, and fiber, plastic or metal drums must have covers attached and secured.

✗ Exceeding Storage Time

Do not store universal waste beyond one year. Waste must be shipped or picked up within the one-year regulatory limit.

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Regulatory requirements vary between small and large quantity handlers of universal waste. However, all handlers must receive proper training in Universal Waste Management (UWM).

This summary provides a brief overview of the regulations for managing universal waste. It is not a comprehensive guide, and additional rules may apply. For complete requirements, refer to **40 CFR Part 273** and your state-specific regulations.



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