

BALLASTS

UNIVERSAL WASTE HANDLING PROCEDURES

ACCEPTED WASTE

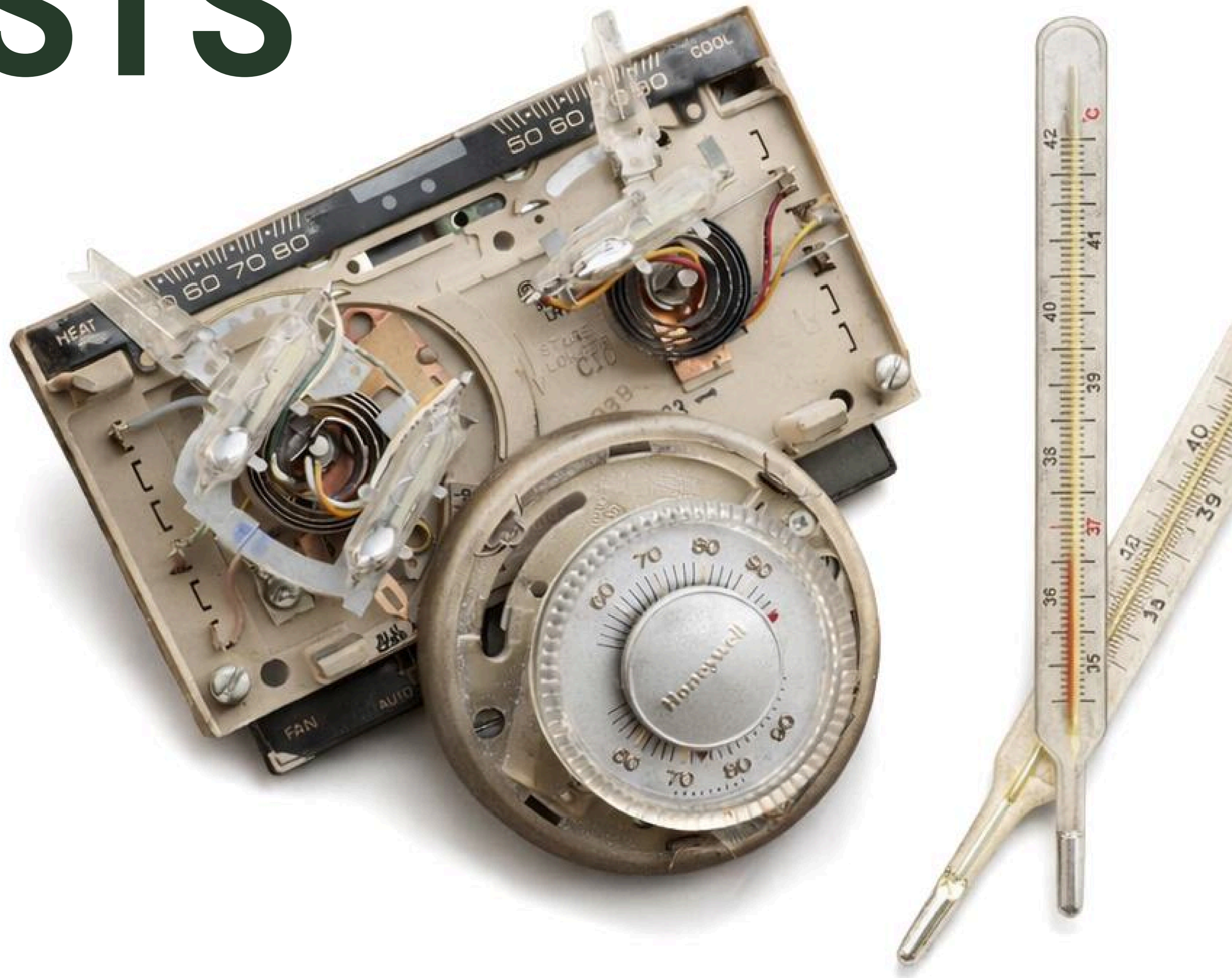
- Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches/relays
- Medical devices and other mercury-containing equipment

PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

- All mercury devices must be secured in poly/plastic drums

*NOT ACCEPTED

- Loose liquid mercury in non-compliant containers
- Cracked or leaking mercury devices – These are classified as hazardous materials



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

Waste items must not be taped together.

✗ Broken or Leaking Waste

We cannot accept any items that are cracked, broken, or leaking.

✗ 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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