



WASTE BATTERIES

Storage and Handling Information

Batteries can contain heavy metals and corrosive chemicals that make them hazardous waste when disposed. Alternatively, batteries can be managed as universal waste and sent for recycling. This handout explains important points about handling and storing waste batteries for recycling.

1. Place waste batteries in sturdy, closable, compatible containers. It's not necessary to sort batteries by type.



EXAMPLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

1. Do *not* place waste batteries in garbage bags or cardboard boxes because it won't provide adequate containment against leaks.
2. Keep containers of waste batteries closed except when adding batteries to the container
3. Label containers.

UNIVERSAL WASTE	
SHIPPER	<i>Portland Community College</i>
ADDRESS	<i>12000 S.W. 49th Ave.</i>
CITY, STATE, ZIP	<i>Portland, OR 97219</i>
CONTENTS	<i>Waste Batteries</i>
ACCUMULATION START DATE	<i>9/11/12</i>

Name

Contents

Date first battery added

5. Waste batteries can't be stored for longer than one year from the **Accumulation Start Date** on the label. For a pick-up submit a work order with FMS Service Request Center at ext:4800.