



WASTE BATTERIES

Storage and Handling Information

Universal Wastes (UW) are managed under streamlined requirements that encourage the collection and recycling or disposal of these wastes. Batteries contain heavy metals and corrosive chemicals which classifies them as hazardous waste but they can be managed as universal waste and sent for recycling. This handout explains important points about handling and storing waste batteries for recycling.

- Locate your closest Waste Battery Satellite Accumulation Area (typically a copy room or department office). Containers should be sturdy, closable, plastic containers.

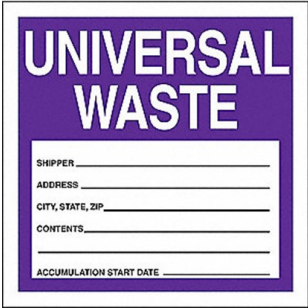


EXAMPLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

- It is not necessary to sort batteries by type. Do *not* place waste batteries in garbage bags or cardboard boxes because those containers won't provide adequate containment against leaks.

- Keep containers of waste batteries closed except when adding batteries to the container.

- Containers should be labeled with "Portland Community College", the address of the campus, and the words "waste batteries" or "used batteries".



- The Satellite Accumulation Areas are routinely checked and the containers emptied. If the container for your area is full, you can place a work order with FMS Service Request Center to have it emptied .