



WASTE LAMPS

Storage and Handling Information

Universal Wastes (UW) are managed under streamlined requirements that encourage the collection and recycling or disposal of these wastes. Many lamps, including fluorescent, High Intensity Discharge (HID), high-pressure sodium, and metal halide lamps, can contain levels of mercury and lead which classifies them as hazardous waste. Alternatively, these types of lamps can be managed as universal waste and sent for recycling. This handout explains important points about handling and storing waste lamps for recycling.

- Place waste lamps in sturdy, closable containers such as cardboard boxes or fiber drums, which will protect the lamps from breaking. *Do not place lamps in garbage bags or wrap them in plastic wrap. Do not tape lamps together. Do not crush lamps.*
- Keep containers of waste lamps closed except when adding lamps to the container.
- Store lamps in different containers according to their type (CFL, HID, Halogen, etc.)
- Containers should be labeled with “Portland Community College”, the address of the campus, the words “waste lamps”, and the date the first lamp was added to the container.
- The Universal Waste storage locations are managed by EH&S and full containers are removed for recycling twice a year. If a storage area needs more containers or labels, please contact EH&S at 971-722-2872.

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| UNIVERSAL WASTE | |
| SHIPPER _____ | _____ |
| ADDRESS _____ | _____ |
| CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ | _____ |
| CONTENTS _____ | _____ |
| ACCUMULATION START DATE _____ | _____ |