

# UNIVERSAL WASTE

Refer to ch. NR 673, Wis. Adm. Code, for details.



**LAMPS**

Labels must read:  
"Universal Waste - Lamps"  
OR "Used Lamps"  
OR "Waste Lamps"

**NOTE: "BULBS" IS NOT A PROPER LABEL**


**TRAIN**  
Employees who handle universal waste require training.  
Keep training records.

**KEEP CLOSED**  
All containers of used lamps, pesticides and mercury-containing equipment must be kept closed.

**LABEL**  
All containers or individual items must be correctly labelled.

**DATE**  
Containers or individual items must be labelled with the date when the item was first placed in the container or the date when the item became waste.

**REMOVE**  
Waste must be removed for disposal or recycling within one year of the date on the container.



**BATTERIES**

Labels must read:  
"Universal Waste - Batteries"  
OR "Used Batteries"  
OR "Waste Batteries"

Recalled or unused

**PESTICIDES**

Labels must read:  
"Universal Waste - Pesticides"  
OR "Waste Pesticides"



**NOTE: CONTAINERS MUST HAVE THEIR ORIGINAL PRODUCT LABEL**

**AEROSOL CANS**

Labels must read:  
"Universal Waste - Aerosol Cans"  
OR "Used Aerosol Cans"  
OR "Waste Aerosol Cans"



Facilities that puncture and drain aerosol cans must follow additional regulations in s. NR 673.13(5)(d), Wis. Adm. Code.



**MERCURY-CONTAINING EQUIPMENT**

Labels must read:  
"Used Mercury-Containing Equipment"  
OR "Waste Mercury-Containing Equipment"

**EQUIPMENT: THERMOSTATS, SWITCHES, THERMOMETERS, BAROMETERS**

## REMINDERS...

If not managed as universal waste, aerosol cans, batteries, lamps and mercury-containing equipment must be managed as hazardous waste.

Antifreeze is no longer managed as a universal waste in Wisconsin. It should be managed under used oil standards in NR 679, Wis. Adm. Code.



## GOT A LEAK?

Any items that are leaking or damaged must be contained in closed, leakproof containers.

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