

How to handle... **UNIVERSAL WASTE**



BATTERIES

TRAIN

Employees who handle universal waste require training, and the training should be documented.

CONTAINERIZE AND KEEP CLOSED

Tape ends of batteries and place in closed, non-metal, leak-proof containers.

LABEL

All containers must be correctly labeled as "Universal Waste - Batteries" "Waste Batteries" or "Used Batteries."

DATE

Containers or individual items must be labeled with the date when the first battery was placed in the container or the date when the user decided the battery was waste.

REMOVE

Batteries must be removed from the facility for recycling within one year of the date on the container.



If not managed as universal waste, the batteries listed below must be managed as hazardous waste.

Batteries that may be managed as universal waste include:

- button batteries
- lithium and lithium ion batteries
- rechargable nickel-cadmium batteries
- nickel-metal hydride batteries
- sealed lead-acid batteries
- silver oxide batteries
- mercury oxide batteries



Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and may be recycled or disposed of as household or commercial waste.

Go to dnr.wi.gov and search "batteries" to find WA-1622 Battery Recycling for Businesses.



RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes: Batteries

NR 673.02, 673.30 Applicability: what batteries must meet these requirements

NR 673.09 Definitions

NR 673.13 (1), 673.33 (1) Containers/Closure

NR 673.14 (1), 673.34 (1) Labeling and marking

NR 673.15 (1), (2), (3); NR 673.35 (1), (2), (3) Accumulation time limits, dating, removal

NR 673.16, NR 673.36 Employee training

NR 673.17, 673.33, 673.37 Response to release

For more information on this subject, including other publications, staff contacts and administrative codes and statutes, go to dnr.wi.gov and search "universal waste." Staff contact information can also be found by searching "hazardous waste requirements" in [the DNR staff directory](#).

Universal Waste Guidance and Reference Documents

Universal Waste Requirements (WA-1900)

Lamp and Bulb Management (WA-195)

How to Handle Universal Waste Poster (WA-1798)

How to Handle Universal Waste: Lamps (WA-1810)

How to Handle Universal Waste: Mercury-Containing Equipment (WA-1811)

How to Handle Universal Waste: Pesticides (WA-1812)



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