

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



MERCURY-CONTAINING EQUIPMENT



TRAIN

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

CONTAINERIZE AND KEEP CLOSED

All waste mercury devices must be kept in closed, non-metal containers that will not leak or spill under normal conditions.

LABEL

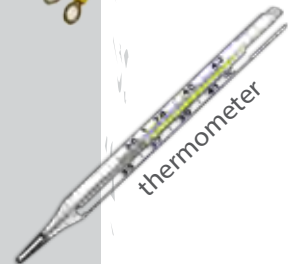
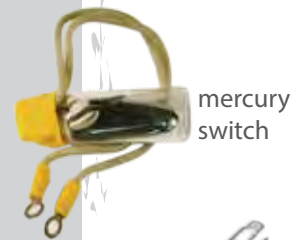
All containers must be correctly labeled as "Used Mercury-Containing Equipment" or "Waste Mercury-Containing Equipment."

DATE

Containers must be labeled with the date when the first mercury-containing equipment was placed in the container.

REMOVE

Mercury-containing equipment must be removed from the facility for recycling within one year of the date on the container.



If not managed as universal waste, used mercury-containing equipment must be managed as hazardous waste.

Mercury-containing equipment that can be managed as universal waste includes: thermostats, barometers, mercury switches, old silver-mercury thermometers and certain medical equipment.



Go to dnr.wi.gov, search "universal waste" and find DNR publication WA-1004 *Management of Mercury Containing-Equipment* for more information.

Broken mercury devices should be placed in closed, leak-proof, non-metal containers and handled as hazardous waste.



RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicable Wisconsin Administrative Codes: Mercury-containing equipment

NR 673.04, 673.30 Applicability: what mercury-containing equipment must meet these requirements

NR 673.09 Definitions

NR 673.13 (3), 673.33 (3) Containers/Closure

NR 673.14 (4), NR 673.34 (4) 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: Batteries (WA-1809) How to Handle Universal Waste: Lamps (WA-1810)

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



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