

**SAM—WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING OF
NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**UNIVERSAL WASTE (BATTERIES, MERCURY THERMOSTATS AND PRODUCTS
NON-EMPTY AEROSOL CANS)**

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“Universal waste” is a designation that includes certain commonly generated hazardous wastes. Because they pose a relatively lower risk to people and the environment than other hazardous wastes, universal wastes are regulated based on a relaxed set of standards which is more appropriate for the specific hazards they pose. California's Universal Waste Rule requires large and small quantity handlers to ship their universal waste to either another handler, a universal waste transfer station, a recycling facility, or a disposal facility.

See these references for more information on the following individual U-wastes.

- Batteries: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/Batteries/>;
- Lamps: <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/ReduceWaste/FluoresLamps/>;
- Mercury-containing thermostats: http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/upload/HVAC_Tech_flyer.pdf;
- Other mercury-containing products: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/Mercury/Index.cfm>;
- Non-empty aerosol cans:
http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/upload/HWM_FS_SB1158.pdf.

For more information on U-waste <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/HomeHazWaste/UWaste/>