

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 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/>