



UNIVERSAL WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION FACT SHEET

This fact sheet provides a quick guide for the proper disposal of *Ursinus College owned* universal waste and electronics. Always try to return any recyclable items to the vendor first. Most vendors who supply rechargeable batteries will take them back. Contact [Environmental Health and Safety & Risk Management](#) if further assistance is required.

<p>RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES (i.e., nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd), sealed lead acid, lithium ion (Li-ion), and nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH).</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take to one of the collection sites for disposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Myrin Library @ the Learning Curve ○ Facilities Office • Tape the electrical terminals with non-conductive tape OR • Place each battery into a sealed plastic bag. • Place the battery in the properly labeled collection container.
<p>ALKALINE BATTERIES</p> 	<p>Ursinus College is unable to recycle these types of batteries. Dispose of these in the regular trash.</p>
<p>LAMPS containing heavy metals (i.e., mercury fluorescent, high intensity discharge, neon, mercury vapor, high-pressure sodium, and metal halide)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place spent lamp in the carton/container of the new lamp. • Date and label the carton/container with the words “Universal Waste – lamps”. • Take scientific lamps to the Chemistry Stockroom, Pfahler 314b. All other lamps are disposed of through Facilities. <p><i>*Note: Home Depot and Lowes recycle consumer compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs).</i></p>
<p>MERCURY CONTAINING DEVICES (i.e., thermostats, manometers, and some laboratory equipment)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place the mercury-containing ampule in a compatible, closed container, packed to prevent breakage. • Date and label the container with “Universal Waste – Mercury Containing Device”. • Take the container with the ampule to the Pfahler 314b, Chemistry Prep Room <p><i>If you have equipment containing mercury, contact Environmental Health and Safety & Risk Management.</i></p>
<p>PESTICIDES</p>	<p>Contact Environmental Health and Safety & Risk Management.</p>
<p>ELECTRONICS (i.e., College owned computer monitors, CPU units, printers, mice, keyboards, TVs, AV equipment, servers, laptops and more)</p> 	<p>Contact Information Technology at ext. 3789 or techsupport@ursinus.edu for assistance.</p>

***Note:** For more information on disposal of personally owned electronics including TVs and computers, check the [Montgomery County Recycling Site](#) and [Best Buy](#).

For aerosol cans, oil-based finishes and photographic solutions, contact [Environmental Health and Safety & Risk Management](#).