

# **Universal Waste Quick Guide**

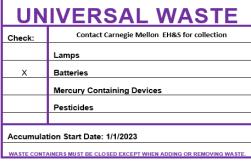
#### **Definition of Universal Waste**

Universal wastes are wastes that meet the regulatory definition of hazardous waste but are managed under special, tailored regulations. Universal waste includes batteries (lithium, NiCad, and lead acid), pesticides, mercury-containing equipment, lamps (bulbs), aerosol cans, photographic solutions, oil, and oil-based finishes.

### **Generating and Storing Universal Waste**

When generating universal waste, follow the following guidelines that make CMU compliant with environmental regulations:

- Storing all universal waste in containers that are:
  - Compatible with the waste
  - Leak proof
  - Closable
  - Labeled with a universal waste label, shown to the right
- To request universal waste labels, please place an online ticket



Universal waste label

## **Battery Collection**

Universal waste regulations only apply to NiCad, lead acid, button cell, and lithium-ion batteries.

- Although alkaline batteries are not regulated for disposal, EHS will pick up these if they are in bulk. If they are not in bulk, please dispose of them at any FMCS collection kiosk.
  - To set up a bulk alkaline battery collection in your area, please email safety@andrew.cmu.edu.

#### **Removal of Universal Waste**

Universal waste can only be stored for 6 months. After the 6-month time limit is reached, please place an online request for EHS removal of the waste.

Questions? Email safety@andrew.cmu.edu