











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