

**POLLUTION
PREVENTION FOR
BUSINESSES**



Universal Waste

Universal waste is hazardous waste generated by a wide variety of industries.

Universal waste must be sent to a facility equipped and permitted to handle and recycle it.

Electronic Waste

Electronic wastes contain heavy metals such as mercury, lead, and cadmium. These materials should not go to a landfill, but rather a recycling center to be reclaimed. Find local recycling centers at: www.ecyclewashington.org.

Flourescent Lights

Flourescent lights contain recyclable materials, including glass, metal, and mercury. Fluorescents should be stored in a structurally sound container, labeled as "Universal Waste Lamp," with an accumulation start date. Fluorescent lights must be recycled within 12 months. [Visit LightRecycleWA.org](http://www.LightRecycleWA.org) to find your nearest location.

Batteries

Mercury, lead, cadmium, and sulfuric acid can leak from batteries and pose environmental risks or fires. Store them off the ground in a labeled container and recycle them within 12 months at the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station:

<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/477/Hazardous-Waste>



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