QUICK FACTS – UNIVERSAL WASTE

⇒ All persons that handle Universal Waste must be informed of proper handling and emergency response procedures

TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE

☑ Lamps – fluorescent, HID, halogen, incandescent, CFL, metal halide, sodium, UV
☑ Batteries – all but alkaline (lead acid, nickel cadmium (NiCd), nickel metal hydride (NiMH), silver cell, lithium, mercury)
☑ Mercury containing articles (thermometers, thermostats)
☑ Pesticides-recalled under FIFRA

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

☑ Accumulation start date (the date it became a waste)
☑ Specific Wording
  ▪ “Used Lamps”
  ▪ “Used Batteries”
  ▪ “Used Mercury Containing Articles”
  ▪ “Used Pesticide”

STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

☑ Must be stored in a way that prevents releases to the environment
☑ Store in a properly labeled, closed, structurally sound, compatible container
  ⇒ Boxes must be taped closed except when actually adding Universal Waste
☑ Containers must be stored in a secured, covered area off the ground
☑ Do not tape or bind lamps together
☑ Store only until box is full or, for multiple boxes, no longer than a week

DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

☑ Deliver to your designated Collection Area within 6 months of accumulation start date
☑ Must be disposed of within 1 year of accumulation start date (should be disposed of as soon as reasonable)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

☑ Lamps: Avoid dust generated from breakage. Immediately contain releases and handle residues appropriately. Sweep or pick up broken pieces. DO NOT VACUUM. Large Broken lamps (>1’) can be packed with the intact lamps. Small Broken lamps (<1’) should be packaged into a small box lined with a heavy-duty garbage bag and label “Used Lamps-Broken”.

☑ Batteries, Mercury and Pesticides: If cracked but not leaking, place in plastic secondary container. If leaking, immediately contain the release to prevent spread. Call EHSO immediately @ 7-5922 for spill clean up.