



**Chemtron Corp
Universal Waste Information**

There are four categories of universal wastes: (1) lamps (e.g., fluorescent bulbs), (2) pesticides (suspended or recalled under FIFRA), (3) mercury-containing thermostats, and (4) discarded batteries (e.g., nickel-cadmium and lead-acid batteries). A waste can only be a Universal Waste (UW) if it would have been a hazardous waste, however UW do not have to be shipped on a hazardous waste manifest. Examples of UW are included in the following table.

<u>Universal Wastes</u>	<u>Not Universal Wastes</u>
(1) Lamps All shapes of fluorescent bulbs with mercury (2) Pesticides: suspended or recalled under FIFRA (generator would need very specific knowledge of a recall to be considered UW) (3) Mercury-containing thermostats (4) Batteries Lead-Acid Batteries Nickel Cadmium Batteries	(1) Any UW waste that a customer calls a RCRA waste (e.g., has a RCRA code such as D002, D006, D008, and/or D009) (2) Computer Equipment (3) Thermometers (4) Alkaline Batteries (Non-RCRA, no heavy metals such as cadmium or (5) Non-mercury Thermostats (6) Liquid Mercury (7) Fluorescent bulbs with green caps (non-mercury)

UW should not be labeled with a yellow RCRA label or the “Non-Regulated” waste label. Instead, UW should be labeled with a UW label. The label manufacturer’s are printing UW labels on purple paper. If a UW label is not available, the following chart shows acceptable names that can be hand written onto the container:

Universal Waste	Proper Name on Label
Lamps	"Universal Waste Lamps" "Waste Lamps" "Used Lamps"
Pesticides	"Universal Waste Pesticides" "Waste Pesticides" "Used Pesticides"
Mercury-Containing Thermostats	"Universal Waste Thermostat" "Waste Thermostats" "Used Thermostats"
Batteries	"Universal Waste Batteries" "Waste Batteries" "Used Batteries."

Additionally, a UW label has nothing to do with the proper DOT shipping name. UW are not exempt from DOT, so the proper DOT shipping name should be used on the shipping document. If the UW is regulated by DOT, the applicable hazard class labels should also be used.

A photocopy of a UW label can be affixed to the UW container with glue or tape. A photocopy UW label is attached.

Contact your Chemtron sales representative (phone 440-933-6348) or e-mail us at info@chemtron-corp.com for more information or with any questions.