Universal waste refers to items that qualify as hazardous waste but are very common and easily recyclable.

Purdue recycles or disposes of the following items as universal waste:

**Batteries**
- Lead-acid (Pb), nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd, Cd), nickel-metal hydride (Ni-MH), lithium ion (Li, Li-ion, Li-Po), mercury (Hg) and all rechargeable batteries
- Alkaline batteries may be disposed of in the trash when not marked with the words or symbols listed above.

**Lamps**
- Fluorescent tube, compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), high-intensity discharge (HID), ultraviolet (UV), flood lamps, light emitting diode (LED)
- Standard incandescent light bulbs are disposed of in the trash.

**Capacitors and Ballasts**
- With or without PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyl chemicals)

**E-Waste**
- Circuit boards, diodes, resistors, cathode ray tubes, liquid crystal displays (LCD), computers, keyboards
- E-waste is dismantled and recycled by Purdue Surplus.

**Disposal Procedures**
- Bring universal waste to the Hazardous Materials Management Trailer (HMMT) during business hours
- Contact Purdue Surplus for e-waste disposal: 765-496-2200

**Damaged or Broken Items**
- Leaking non-alkaline batteries and broken non-incandescent light bulbs are hazardous waste and need to be submitted for pickup by EHS.
- Scan the QR code below to submit a waste pickup request in EHSA.