

# UNIVERSAL WASTE (U-WASTE)

## What is Universal Waste?



- All batteries



- Fluorescent lamps & tubes



- Items containing mercury: thermostats, thermometers, switches (e.g. pilot light sensors, blood pressure gauge, novelties such as maze games & talking greeting cards)



- Electronic devices (with a digital component): computers, printers, PDAs, cell phones, telephones, radios, stereos, microwave ovens



## Why is Universal Waste a Problem?

*U-wastes contain a variety of hazardous and toxic materials including lead, mercury, and cadmium. U-wastes are banned from the trash because their toxic materials can be released, posing a risk to public health & the environment*

- A TV or computer monitor contains 7 lbs of lead!
- Mercury and other substances released into the air and water are toxic to wildlife & humans. Exposure to mercury affects brain function and impairs brain development.
- The mercury from one fluorescent bulb can ruin 6,000 gallons of drinking water.

## U-Waste Recycling

*Take u-wastes to these local facilities. Some facilities take both u-waste and e-waste (see next page). See page 17 for all household battery drop-off locations.*

### Napa-Vallejo Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

889A Devlin Road, American Canyon; 1-800-984-9661  
Hours: Every Fri & Sat 9am-4pm

Mercury containing items, fluorescent lamps/tubes & all batteries. HOUSEHOLDS: No appointment / no charge. BUSINESSES: Call for appointment / charge for service.

### Napa Recycling & Composting Facility

820 Levitin Way, American Canyon; 707-255-5200;  
Daily Hours: 8am-4pm

E-Waste: Free drop off at facility or call for curbside collection for a fee.

### Clover Flat Landfill

4380 Silverado Trail, Calistoga ; 707-963-7988  
Hours: Tues-Sat 9am-4pm; Sun 9am-3pm

E-Waste: Free drop off. Household generated batteries & fluorescent lamps also accepted (no business-generated batteries and fluorescent lamps accepted).

### Central Valley Builders Supply

1790 Soscol Ave, Napa; 257-8888  
1100 Vintage Ave, St. Helena; 963-3622

Household generated batteries & fluorescent lamps and tubes (no business waste accepted).

### City of American Canyon Mercury Elimination Program

City of AC Corporation Yard; 205 Wetlands Edge Road, AC;  
707-647-4550 Hours: M-F 8am-4pm

Replacement of fever thermometers, mercury thermostats and disposal of mercury products for residents only.

### FRG Waste Resources, Inc.

100 Dodd Court, American Canyon; 1-877-374-9278  
Hours: M-F- 8-am-5pm; www.frgwaste.com

E-waste, fluorescent tubes, and batteries. Businesses & public drop off and pick up.

*Businesses: See [lamprecycle.org](http://lamprecycle.org) for providers who handle fluorescent tubes.*



See page 17 for battery drop-off locations

*The California Product Stewardship Council is an organization of local governments in California that works to shift California's product waste management system from government funded programs to a system that relies on producer responsibility in order to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability. Individuals can play an active role.*

[www.caproductstewardship.org](http://www.caproductstewardship.org).

### For More Information

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