DO NOT THROW BATTERIES IN THE TRASH!

Batteries are regulated as Universal Waste because they contain corrosive and toxic heavy metals that make it illegal to throw batteries into the regular trash. All batteries must be sent to EH&S for proper disposal. EH&S then sends the batteries to recyclers or hazardous waste disposal facilities, depending on the available recycling technologies. Some types of batteries accepted by EH&S include: alkaline, carbon-zinc, lithium ion, mercury, nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd), nickel metal hydride (Ni-MH), silver button, and sealed lead acid (Pb).

Packaging, Labeling and Disposal

Place the batteries in a sturdy bag or container. Label the battery container as “Universal Waste - Used Batteries” and include the date when the waste was first generated. The batteries must be transferred to EH&S within 9 months of the date they became a waste.

For batteries generated by UCSB departments, please fill out a UCSB Waste Pickup Request Form and send it to EH&S via campus mail or fax it to 893-8659 (please do not call EH&S). To electronically send a waste pickup request visit EH&S’ web site at www.ehs.ucsb.edu.

Universal Waste - Used Batteries

Date: __________ (transfer to EH&S within 9 months)
Dept: ________ Name: ________ Phone: ________
Additional Info: __________________________________________________________

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