



***What are Universal Wastes and why can't I put them in the trash?***

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/WhatisEwaste/>

Universal waste is a type of hazardous waste. It is illegal to dispose of hazardous wastes in the garbage as they contain harmful chemicals, which, if put in the trash may harm people or the environment. Chemicals in illegally disposed hazardous waste can be released into the environment and contaminate our air, water and possibly the food we eat.

***Where can I take my Universal Waste?***

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program provides the following opportunities for disposal and recycling of household universal wastes:

- **Tulare County Recycling / RAA / Waste Management**  
<http://www.wm.com/Templates/FAC5404/services.asp>  
26951 Road 140 (on Lovers Lane, one mile south of Caldwell), Visalia - (559) 741-1766  
(M-Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
  
- **Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**  
<http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobload.asp?BlobID=3668>  
City of Visalia Corporation Yard  
335 North Cain Street (north of East Main Street), Visalia  
Open Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information please call:  
City of Visalia: (559) 713-4531 [www.ci.visalia.ca.us](http://www.ci.visalia.ca.us)  
County of Tulare: (559) 733-6441 [www.tularehhsa.org](http://www.tularehhsa.org)

Per State law, only material in quantities of up to five (5) gallons total liquid volume or a total dry weight of 50 lbs. per vehicle may be accepted at the facility. The collection center is for household use only.

**For more information on the disposal of hazardous wastes please call:**

**Tulare County Environmental Health at (559) 733-6441 or the City of Visalia at (559) 713-4531.**

Please visit our website at [www.tularehhsa.org](http://www.tularehhsa.org) or [www.tularecountyclecyles.com](http://www.tularecountyclecyles.com)

***Where can I dispose of my electronic wastes?***

- **C-SET E-Recycling (Visalia-Goshen)** <http://www.cset.org/recycling/default.htm>
  1. 312 N. W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Visalia (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
  2. 30498 Diagonal 69, Goshen (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
  
- **Pena's Disposal – Pena's Recycling Center (Cutler-Dinuba)** <http://www.penasdisposal.com/>
  1. 12056 Avenue 408, Cutler (559) 528-3909  
(M-Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
  2. **Dinuba Recycle Center**  
267 So. Uruapan, Dinuba (559) 528-3909  
(M-Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
  
- **Sunset Waste (Visalia)** <http://www.sunsetwastesystems.com/>  
1707 E. Goshen Avenue, Visalia - (559) 739-1595  
(M-F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
  
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***Where can I dispose of my used oil?***

- **Used Oil Collection Centers**  
Please call **1-800-CLEANUP** for a location near you or visit our website at:  
[www.tularecountyclecyles.com](http://www.tularecountyclecyles.com) and click on 'Recycling Opportunities' followed by 'Waste Oil'.

**Where can I dispose of my rechargeable batteries?**

Please see [www.rbr.org](http://www.rbr.org) for battery drop off locations.

**UNIVERSAL WASTE - COMMON ITEMS**

1. **Aerosol Cans** (Non empty cans containing hazardous materials)
2. **Electronic Devices**
  - A. Cell and Cordless Phones, Telephones and Answering Machines
  - B. Computers Including Monitors, Printers, Laptop and Fax Machines
  - C. Microwave Ovens
  - D. Printers
  - E. Radios
  - F. Video Cameras and Game Consoles
  - G. VCR's and DVD Players
3. **Cathode Ray Tube Devices** (televisions and computer monitors)
4. **Common Batteries**
  - A. 9V, AA, AAA, AAAA, C, D, F, J, Lantern, N, Muti Cell, Button, Button Stack, SSLA, Battery Packs, Proprietary Battery Packs, Others
    1. Alkaline or Alkaline Manganese Dioxide-Zinc (Zn/MnO<sub>2</sub>) batteries
    2. Mercury Containing Batteries
    3. Rechargeable and Non-Rechargeable batteries
5. **Counterweights and Dampers** including:
  - A. Hunting Bows and Snow Skis using high density mercury to dampen shaking or to absorb recoil on shotguns.
6. **Dental Amalgam Wastes** (tooth filling materials)
7. **Mercury-Containing Non-Motor Vehicle Switches & Motor Vehicle Light Switches**

Tilt or positional switches are found in silent light switches and some pre-1972 appliances such as washing machines and clothes irons. Flame sensors are found in some gas appliances such as stoves, ovens, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces and space heaters. Motor vehicle light switches are found in hood and trunk courtesy lights.
8. **Light Tubes, Bulbs and Other Mercury-Containing Lamps and Switches**

A. Fluorescent tubes or lamps	D. Metal Halide
B. High Intensity Discharge (HID)	E. Neon
C. Sodium Vapor Lamps	
9. **Mercury-Containing Gauges and Medical Devices**

A. Barometers	D. Manometers
B. Blood Pressure and Temperature Gauges	E. Vacuum Gauges
C. Gas Flow Regulators Tubing	F. Dilators and Weighted
10. **Mercury Novelties**

A. Greeting Cards that Play Music	C. Mercury Maze Games
B. Athletic shoes w/ flashing lights, made before 1997	D. Flashing jewelry
11. **Mercury Thermometers and Mercury-Containing Rubber Flooring**