








How to Recycle and/or Dispose of Universal Wastes at Auraria Campus

What is Universal Waste?

Per the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), universal wastes are defined as **batteries, pesticides, mercury-containing devices, aerosol cans, lamps, electronic devices and electronic components (e-waste)**. Universal wastes and electronic devices contain heavy metals that can cause a danger to the environment and human health if not disposed of properly. State Universal Waste Regulations ([6 CCR 1007-3 Part 273](#)) provide an alternative set of management standards in lieu of regulation under more stringent hazardous waste regulations and are designed to reduce the regulatory burden on facilities that generate these wastes while reducing the amount of hazardous waste illegally sent to municipal solid waste landfills.

According to CDPHE, e-waste consists of **electronic equipment that contains one or more electronic circuit boards or other complex circuitry, including but not limited to computer monitors, televisions, CRTs, CPUs, laptops, fax machines, printers, terminals, mainframes, and stereo equipment**. Non-hazardous industrial or commercial devices, small appliances such as microwaves, refrigerators*, freezers*, air conditioners*, washers & dryers, stoves/ovens, dishwashers, and hot water heaters, motor vehicle components, or any type of telephone may still be disposed of in landfills/solid waste dumpsters; however, CDPHE recommends contacting a scrap metal recycler about small appliances. ***Please note: appliances containing refrigerant must have the refrigerant removed by an EPA certified technician prior to disposal.** For more information regarding small and large appliance, equipment recycling and/or disposal or refrigerant removal, contact AHEC at the information below.

To dispose of universal or electronic waste at Auraria campus, please follow the instructions for your institution below. For security purposes, devices that store data, including mobile phones, printers, flash drives, and computers, must be processed through the institutional IT contacts listed below. Do not move equipment to the hallway, dock, basement etc. Storage on docks or in hallways is in violation of ADA requirements and Denver Fire code.

	<p>For devices storing sensitive data (IT associated waste), contact IT services at: https://msudenver.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/2313/Portal/Requests/ServiceDet?ID=46043</p> <p>For all other universal or e-waste, contact MSU Denver Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) at: Phone: 303-605-5294 or Email: mpokorn1@msudenver.edu</p>
	<p>For CU Denver e-waste and battery disposal, complete the following property disposal request form online (https://forms.ucdenver.edu/secure/finance_am_disposal_request).</p> <p>Scientific equipment must be green tagged before disposal. Review and complete the process for Cleaning Procedures for Laboratory Equipment; contact Julie McMillen with questions Julie.Mcmillen@ucdenver.edu.</p>
	<p>For CCD e-waste, battery, lab equipment, AV equipment (non-AHEC old TVs, radios, etc.) disposal contact: IT services email: helpdesk@ccd.edu IT services Phone: 303-352-3030</p>
	<p>For devices storing sensitive data (IT associated waste), contact IT services at 303-556-4422.</p> <p>AHEC EH&S will take universal and e-waste from campus that is not collected institutionally. AHEC EH&S Contacts: Phone: 303-556-8396 or Email: safetyoffice@ahec.edu</p>
	<p>Have personal electronics, cords or batteries you need to recycle? Bring them to our Electronic Waste Bins in the Tivoli and Arts. See https://www.sustainableauraria.org/ for more information.</p>