

# NEW UNIVERSAL WASTE LAW IN EFFECT

## *New Laws on How to Dispose of Electronics, Batteries, other Hazardous Materials*

What are Universal Wastes?

These are a category of hazardous waste that can harm human health and the environment if they are disposed of improperly (i.e. as regular trash). Universal wastes must be taken to an approved recycling or household hazardous waste disposal site.

As of February 9, 2006, it is unlawful to put the following universal waste items in your trash, recycling or organic cans, carts and/or bins:

- **Household Batteries, including AA, AAA, C, D, and button batteries**
- **Fluorescent Light Bulbs, and other mercury containing lamps**
- **Mercury Devices, including thermostats, thermometers, pilot light sensors, electrical switches & relays, gauges**
- **Electronic Devices, including televisions, computer monitors, computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios, calculators, toys, and microwave ovens.**

**The following locations accept universal waste materials:**

Facility	Materials Accepted	Address	Phone
Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste	Household batteries Fluorescent light bulbs Mercury Products	2100 E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland <a href="http://www.stopwaste.org">www.stopwaste.org</a>	1-800-606-6606
Alameda County Computer Resource Center	Household batteries Household electronics	1501 Eastshore Highway (between Jones and Cedar Streets) <a href="http://www.accrc.org">www.accrc.org</a>	(510) 528-4052
Community Conservation Center	Florescent light bulbs Household batteries Mercury switches & thermostats	669 Gilman at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Berkeley <a href="http://www.berkeleyrecycling.org">www.berkeleyrecycling.org</a>	(510) 524-0113
City of Albany	Household batteries	City Hall – 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany <a href="http://www.albanyca.org">www.albanyca.org</a>	(510) 528-5760

**Upcoming events accepting universal waste materials:**

- **City of Albany Annual E-Waste Drop Off Event**  
**When: Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 5PM**  
**Where: Albany High School, 603 Key Route**  
**Materials Accepted: Household Electronics ONLY**
- **City of Albany On-Call Bulky Pickup (household electronics) 613-8710**