



## **UNIVERSAL WASTE POLICY**

### **INCLUDING FLUORESCENT BULBS**

#### **Storage**

Universal waste must be stored in an area designated "Universal Waste Accumulation Area". These areas will be inspected periodically to ensure proper procedures are being followed. Containers **MUST** be removed within one year of the date of the containers first use.

#### **Container Labeling**

All universal waste containers must be labeled at the time waste is first placed in them. Labels must include:

- 1) The phrase "Universal Waste"
- 2) The specific types of items in the container (i.e. fluorescent bulbs, mercury ballasts, etc)
- 3) The date first used

#### **Container Closure**

Containers must be kept secure to prevent spills/exposure. It is important to ensure that mercury containing bulbs are not broken. A secondary containment system may be used for additional protection.

#### **Removal**

Universal waste may only be removed by a NYSDEC licensed disposal company. Consult the County or State approved vendor list, or contact the company that has the State, SUNY or County contract for hazardous waste removal. Departments are responsible to arrange for the removal of their own waste.

#### **Help**

Contact the Assistant Director Public Safety and Environmental Health (851-6771) if you need any assistance with this subject.