

Recycling & Waste Disposal Services

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

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Material/Service	What do I do?	Notes	Whom do I contact?
Fluorescent Light Bulbs (Also sodium, halogen, and large incandescent)	Call UWM-Stores for pick-up. For very small quantities, contact UWM-Safety for pick-up.	Recycling recovers mercury, glass and metal from bulbs.	UWM-Stores 229-5316 UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Sharps Needles, razor blades, scalpels etc.	Sharps containers are located in most first floor restrooms.	Do not toss in normal trash.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Broken Glass and Plasticware (Non-infectious only: pipette tips, fragile and broken glass)	Package <u>non-infectious</u> materials in a sturdy cardboard box. Seal with tape. Mark box “Broken Glass.” Set out box for custodial pick-up.	Box size not to exceed 18x12x10 inches. (e.g., copy paper box is acceptable)	UWM-Custodial Services 229-5730
Surplus Equipment (furniture, office supplies etc)	Contact UWM Environmental Sustainability Coordinator.	Fill out Surplus Property Declaration form at http://www4.uwm.edu/pps/Sustainability/CampusInit/surplus.cfm	UWM-PPS 229-3465
Electronic Waste (computers, CRTs, microwaves, televisions, etc)	Fill out Surplus Property Declaration, see Surplus Equipment.	Do not toss electronic equipment into the trash. Equipment may be recycled through our Surplus Program, or if unusable, through our electronic waste recycler.	UWM-PPS 229-3465
Laser Toner/Ink Jet Cartridges (for fax machines, printers and some copiers)	Send back to the supplier. Use the pre-paid shipping stickers that accompany the cartridge or follow supplier’s directions if different.	Cartridges are remanufactured for reuse. Empty containers used to refill Lanier copiers toner should be saved and collected by Print and Copy Services. UWM-Safety can accept laser toner cartridges that are missing the pre-paid shipping papers.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Batteries	Collect Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium Ion, Nickel metal hydride, Lead acid and Lead gel-cell batteries.	Heavy metals are reclaimed and recycled. Alkaline batteries may be tossed into the normal trash.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Aerosol Cans	Call for pick-up.	UWM-Safety decommissions aerosols and recycles the steel.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Used Oil/Antifreeze	Call for pick-up.	UWM-Safety recycles used oil, filters and antifreeze. Do not mix other wastes with oil/antifreeze.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Ballasts	Recycle electronic ballasts. Collect oil-containing ballasts and call for pick-up.	Ballasts manufactured before 1981 contain PCB oil. These must be handled as hazardous waste.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Unwanted chemicals	Create an inventory of all the chemicals for disposal. Make sure all chemicals are labeled with proper chemical name. Call for pick-up.	It is very expensive for the University to dispose of unidentified chemicals.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Mercury	Call for pick-up.	Mercury can be reclaimed and recycled.	UWM-Safety 229-6339
White Goods (refrigerators & freezers)	Call Physical Plant Services for pick-up	Freon is recovered and recycled.	UWM-PPS 229-6272
Empty Containers	Toss in normal trash.	If container has some residue, it still is considered empty and may be tossed out in trash.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190

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Compressed Gas Cylinders	Transport to loading dock for vendor pick-up.	For lecture cylinders, call UWM-Safety.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Acid Waste	Neutralize through your department.	pH discharge to sanitary sewer must be greater than 5.0 standard units.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Contaminated Labware	Collect, bag and label labware (gloves, wipes, pipette tips).	Collect labware for Toxic materials.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Solvent Soaked Rags	Collect in fire-resistant containers/drums	Collect rags soaked with solvents, dyes, oils and paints.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Asbestos Containing Equipment/Asbestos Waste	Call Physical Plant Services for pick-up.	Requires special hazardous materials handling.	UWM-PPS 229-4576
Waste Solvents	Place solvent in labeled container. Call for pick-up.	Waste solvents can be bulked to save on disposal costs.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Paint	Call UWM-Safety for pick-up.	Useable, latex paint is donated to non-profit agencies. Unusable latex paint can be dried and tossed into trash.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Photographic Fixer	Collect fixer in containers provided by UWM-Safety. Call for pick-up.	Silver is reclaimed from spent photographic fixer.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Peroxide Forming Chemicals	Date chemicals upon receipt. Test chemicals frequently for peroxides.	Peroxide-forming chemicals can be very dangerous and expensive to dispose/handle.	UWM-Safety 414-550-9190
Radioactive Waste	Questions regarding disposal of radioactive materials should be directed to the Radiation Safety Program.	The Radiation Safety Program manages the safe use of radioactive material on campus via training, laboratory audits, laboratory surveys, radionuclide control and inventory, personal dosimetry and waste disposal.	UWM-Safety 229-4275
Household Hazardous Waste	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage district (MMSD) sponsors local "Clean Sweeps" which usually start in the spring and travel to different counties throughout the summer. For information on times and dates, please refer to MMSD's website at www.mmsd.com	UWM cannot accept Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) because of the disposal costs. Please utilize local "clean sweeps" to handle the disposal of HHW responsibly.	MMSD 225-2066 www.mmsd.com <i>Veolia Environmental</i> operates two permanent collection facilities at W124 N9451 Boundary Road, Menomonee Falls, & 10518 S. 124th St. in Franklin. Check MMSD website for hours of operation.