



## UCCS SAFE OPERATING PROCEDURE

### 21. ITEMS PROHIBITED FROM TRASH CANS AND DUMPSTERS

(For assistance, please contact [Environmental Health & Safety](#))

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY NOT BE PLACED IN TRASHCANS OR DUMPSTERS at UCCS due to restrictions on disposal at the municipal solid waste landfill or other regulations. If you find any of these items in the garbage, please contact [EH&S](#) at (719) 255-3201 (during normal business hours), or Public Safety Dispatch (719) 255-3111 (nights, weekends, and holidays). If you have questions about other items that may or may not be placed in the trash, please contact [EH&S](#) for assistance.

\*A specific SOP for items **with an asterisk** may be found on the [EH&S web site](#).

ITEMS PROHIBITED FROM TRASH	WHAT TO DO
*Aerosol cans See <b>AEROSOLS SOP 2</b>	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
Appliances	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
*Asbestos-containing materials See <b>ASBESTOS SOP 3.</b>	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
*Bags, boxes and other items that once held radioactive material and are labeled as with the word "Radioactive" or the tri-foil symbol.	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Batteries – lead acid, Ni-cad, or other recyclable See <b>BATTERIES SOP 4.</b>	Return to vendor or place in battery recycling container
*Compressed gas cylinders See <b>HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN.</b>	Return to vendor; if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Computer and electronic equipment and components See <b>COMPUTERS &amp; ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SOP 16.</b>	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
*Dead wild animals See <b>DEAD ANIMALS SOP 20.</b>	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>

ITEMS PROHIBITED FROM TRASH	WHAT TO DO
*Electrical switches and dials containing mercury. Non-mercury electronic switches and dials should be handled as “computer and electronic equipment and components” See <b>MERCURY SOP 37.</b>	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Fluorescent lights See <b>LAMPS &amp; LIGHT BULBS SOP 34.</b>	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
*Latex paint containers containing paint that is not dried See <b>PAINT &amp; PAINT-RELATED MATERIALS SOP 42.</b>	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Non-infectious needles and sharps <sup>1</sup> See <b>SHARPS SOP 51.</b>	Containerize in rigid, puncture-resistant container, seal & label “Sharps,” place in dumpster
*Non-living animals or preserved specimens used for research or teaching purposes See <b>PRESERVED SPECIMENS SOP 47.</b>	Utilize contract biohazard vendor or contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Office furniture	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
*Oil-based paint, paintbrushes and paint-related materials See <b>PAINT &amp; PAINT-RELATED MATERIALS SOP 42.</b>	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*PCB ballasts and transformers. See <b>PCB’s SOP 43.</b>	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Pesticides, fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals, or empty containers of these that have NOT been triple-rinsed or processed in accordance with label directions.	Return to the manufacturer; if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Petroleum oil See <b>USED OIL SOP 55.</b>	Contact oil recycling vendor, if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>

<sup>1</sup> Even when non-infectious, broken glass, needles, knives, razor blades and other “sharps” can be hazardous to persons handling trash. For this reason, if at all possible, turn “sharps” over to a facility with appropriate sharps disposal containers (Student Health Clinic, Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Science, Biology).

ITEMS PROHIBITED FROM TRASH	WHAT TO DO
Propane cylinders	Return to vendor, if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Radioactive materials, any materials marked with Radioactive symbols. See <b>HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> .	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
**"Red bag waste", including boxes, and other items labeled "Biohazardous," needles and sharps, bloody gauze, bandages, towels, clothes, other like items or anything marked with See <b>BIOHAZARD (BIOMEDICALS) WASTE MANAGEMENT</b>	Utilize contract biohazard vendor or contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Scrap metal	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
Scrap tires	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>
Smoke detectors that contain a radioactive source	Return to the manufacturer; if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Thermostats containing mercury. Electronic thermostats should be handled as "computer and electronic equipment and components" See <b>MERCURY SOP 37</b> .	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
*Used and excess chemicals See <b>HAZARDOUS WASTE SOP 27</b> .	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Vegetable oil	Recycle through local dealer; if refused contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Wet wastes, or sludge wastes that could drip or leak	Contact <a href="#">EH&amp;S</a>
Yard waste	Contact <a href="#">Facilities Management</a>

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