



Household Hazardous and Universal Waste Alternative Return and Disposal Options October 2015

How do I dispose of batteries? This depends on the type of battery: *Regular household Batteries* (AA, AAA, B, C, D, 9 volt) can go in your household garbage. You can return *rechargeable batteries* to the place of purchase (Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, etc.). *Car, lawn mower, and boat batteries* can be returned to the place of purchase or call One Steel Recycling at 947-3710. *Watch and other button-style batteries* are accepted by most stores that sell camcorders or cell phones. Jewelry stores usually accept watch batteries. Contact them for more information.

How about latex paint? Latex paint can be disposed of with your household garbage if it is completely dry. To dry latex paint, open the can and allow the contents to dry. To speed the process you can add kitty litter to the paint and the paint will be absorbed into the kitty litter.

Why can't I throw my fluorescent light bulbs in the garbage? Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and by law you cannot throw them into the waste stream. Coastal Recycling, 114 Franklin Road, Hancock accepts them for a fee. Call 422-6766 for prices and current operating hours.

Where can I dispose of electronics such as old computers, printers, and televisions? Coastal Recycling (see above) also accepts most electronics for a fee.

How can I dispose of thermostats that contain mercury? You may contact Charles Foster Company at 667-5346 (55 Foster St in Ellsworth). They participate in the Thermostat Recycling Corporation's collection program and will take them at no charge.

Is there any place that accepts Household Hazardous Waste all year long? The nearest year-round facility is in Lewiston. The Environmental Depot is open for *All* Maine residents. There is a \$28 per "unit" fee. A unit consists of 5 gallons of liquid, 20 pounds of solid waste, or a combination of liquid and solid waste.

The Depot is open the **FIRST** and **THIRD** Saturdays of each month from May through November. Hours are from 08:00 to 12:00. If the Saturday falls on a holiday weekend (such as Fourth of July), it will be **CLOSED**. It is located within the Lewiston Solid Waste facility at 424 River Road in Lewiston. Phone (207) 786-7390. For more information and directions, see: <http://www.envdepot.com/contact.html>