

## **WASTE AND RECYCLE SERVICES**

### **MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED**

#### **Lights, Batteries, Electronics**

Fluorescent lamps and tubes. Includes fluorescent tubes, compact fluorescent lamps, metal halide lamps and sodium vapour lamps.

Rechargeable batteries, including lead-acid batteries such as car batteries.

Computer and television monitors. Most monitors are currently considered hazardous waste when they have lived their life and are ready for disposal, including cathode ray tube (CRT), liquid crystal diode (LCD) and plasma monitors.

Electronic devices, includes computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios, and microwave ovens.

#### **Mercury Containing Items**

Electrical switches and relays. These typically contain about 3.5 grams of mercury each. Mercury switches can be found in some chest freezers, pre 1972 washing machines, sump pumps, electric space heaters, clothes irons, silent light switches, automobile hood and trunk lights, and ABS brakes.

Thermostats that contain mercury. There is mercury inside the sealed glass "tilt switch" of the old style thermostats (not the newer electric kind).

Pilot light sensors. Mercury containing switches are found in some appliances such as stoves, ovens, clothes dryers, water heaters, furnaces, and space heaters.

Mercury gauges. Some gauges, such as barometers, manometers, blood pressure, and vacuum gauges contain mercury.

Mercury thermometers. Mercury thermometers typically contain about a half gram of mercury.

Mercury added novelties. Examples include greeting cards that play music when opened, athletic shoes (made before 1997) with flashing lights in the soles, and mercury maze games.

#### **Household and Landscape Chemicals**

Flammables and poisons. Includes solvent based (oil) paints and reactive and explosive materials.

Pesticides and herbicides.

#### **Paints and Solvents**

Latex paint

Oil based paint

Nonempty aerosol paint or solvent cans

Solvents, includes materials like paint thinners, fingernail polish remover, etc.

## **Building Materials**

Asbestos includes some older kinds of cement, roofing, flooring and siding.

Treated wood. Includes wood that is treated with chromium copper arsenate (CCA).

## **Automobile Related**

Antifreeze

Batteries

Motor oils and filters

Tires

## **Other**

Compressed gas cylinders. Includes propane tanks used for BBQ or plumbing.

Needles and sharps generated in home health care, includes hypodermic needles, hypodermic needles with syringes, blades, needles with attached tubing, syringes contaminated with biohazardous waste, acupuncture needles, root canal files, broken glass items such as pipettes and blood vials.

PCB containing materials includes paints and ballasts that contain PCB

Photo waste (silver bearing).

Nonempty aerosol cans that contain hazardous materials. Many products in aerosol cans are toxic. Many aerosols contain flammables, like butane, as propellants for products like paint. If your aerosol can is labeled with words like Toxic or Flammable, don't put it in the trash unless it is completely empty.

Grain

Animal Carcasses

Contaminated Soil