

**ITEMS / MATERIALS PROHIBITED FROM  
TRASH CANS AND DUMPSTERS**

(For assistance, please contact EHS at (402) 472-4925, or visit our web site at <http://ehs.unl.edu/>)

The following items may not be placed in UNL trashcans or dumpsters for disposal. Items denoted by a “\*”, have additional information available in topic specific SOPs, available on the EHS web page. Some of the items may be regulated as hazardous waste when disposed. Others may be considered special wastes and require certain specific permits. Refer to the EHS SOP, **Hazardous/Radioactive Material Collection Procedures** for additional information on requesting pickup of those materials that are listed as “tag for collection by EHS.”

ITEM PROHIBITED FROM TRASH	WHERE IT SHOULD GO INSTEAD
Aerosol cans *	Place in designated collection container for your building or area and tag the outer container for collection by EHS when full.
Antifreeze	Recycle with reputable dealer, or tag for collection by EHS.
Appliances	Surplus property – contact Inventory.
Asbestos-containing materials	Contact Facilities Management.
Ash	Tag for collection by EHS.
Lighting Ballasts *	Tag for collection by EHS.
Batteries – lead acid, Ni-cad, button *	Return to the vendor from which the new battery is purchased; deliver to local battery recycler; or tag for collection by EHS.
Chemicals	Tag for collection by EHS.
Compressed gas cylinders	Return to the vendor. If return is not possible, tag for collection by EHS.
Computer and electronic equipment and components *	Surplus property – contact Inventory.
Cooking oil or grease and related trap waste	Contact UNL Purchasing for current vendor contact information.
Decayed low-level radioactive waste	Do not discard as ordinary refuse, even if a contamination survey confirms the absence of radioactivity above background levels. Tag for collection by EHS.
Electrical switches and dials (mercury-containing)	Tag for collection by EHS.
Empty containers greater than 5 gallons in size and empty containers that once contained hazardous or dangerous materials.	Contact EHS for specific guidance.

Fluorescent lights *	Sort Alto™ GE, ECOLUX™ or ULTRA™ brand light tubes (identified by green metal caps or green printing on the bulb) from other light tubes; store the two types in separate, labeled, and closed boxes in the common collection area for your building; call EHS for collection.
Infectious waste	Autoclave or arrange for collection by EHS.
Lubricants, hydraulic fluids, fuels, machining fluids	Tag for collection by EHS.
Mud or sand sump or trap waste.	Contact EHS. Testing may be required to determine appropriate regulatory status.
Office furniture	Surplus property – contact Inventory.
<b>Paints</b>	
Latex paint	Dry completely before disposal or tag for collection by EHS.
Oil-based paint	Tag for collection by EHS.
Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-containing materials	Tag for collection by EHS.
Pesticides, fertilizers and other agricultural chemicals, and empty containers of these items that have not been triple-rinsed or processed in accordance with label directions.	Tag for collection by EHS.
Petroleum oil; petroleum contaminated refuse (e.g., rags, filters, etc.); petroleum contaminated water or soil; sludge	Tag for collection by EHS.
Pharmaceuticals	Return to distributor. Contact EHS for specific guidance if this is not possible.
Radioactive materials	Tag for collection by EHS.
Scrap metal	Contact Landscape Services.
Scrap tires	Contact Landscape Services.
Septic tank wastes and/or wastes from portable toilets	To be hauled and disposed only by licensed solid waste transporter.
Shipping containers that once held radioactive material and are labeled as with the word “Radioactive” or tri-foil symbol (see also table entry for “decayed low level radioactive waste”)	1) Tag for collection by EHS, or; 2) deface the word “Radioactive” and/or the tri-foil symbol; confirm the absence of contamination by surveying; then dispose as ordinary refuse.
Smoke detectors * <i>See computer and electronic equipment and components</i>	Tag for collection by EHS.
Soldering wastes (including paper towels, rags, sponges, and other items contaminated with solder)	Tag for collection by EHS
Solvents, degreasers, strippers, paint thinners, and related materials, including contaminated refuse and	Tag for collection by EHS.

debris	
Thermostats, Manometers, Sphygmomanometers (mercury- containing) <i>See computer and electronic equipment and components for electronic thermostats</i>	Tag for collection by EHS.
Transformers	Contact EHS for guidance. Testing may be required to determine appropriate disposal options.
Treated wood	Contact EHS for specific guidance.
Vegetable oil	Recycle through local dealer or nearest UNL food service facility; or tag for collection by EHS.
Wet wastes that could drip or leak from the waste	Landfill regulations prohibit disposal of any liquids. Contact EHS.
Yard waste	Contact Landscape Services.