

# SAFE DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS/ SPECIALTY WASTE

Move-Out 2022



Some items on campus can't be disposed of in Mason's trash and recycling bins. Items like light bulbs, batteries, cell phones, and ink cartridges represent specialty wastes, which must be stored and managed differently from trash to ensure their safe disposal.

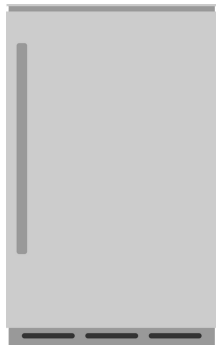
Specialty waste items that are flammable, corrosive, reactive, or toxic are regulated as universal/hazardous waste and must be *collected and disposed of separately from the other waste items* brought to your dorm's waste and recycling rooms.

Universal waste (e.g., batteries, light bulbs and printer cartridges), as well as other specialty wastes (e.g., electronics and mini-fridges) cannot be thrown away in trash bins because they 1) can easily enter the environment as toxic pollution, harming our communities, and 2) risk the health and safety of individuals on campus, especially Mason Facilities and Housekeeping staff who manage daily waste and recycling operations.

[Read More](#)

Have a broken mini-fridge? Please contact [Facilities Customer Service](#)

## \*BROKEN MINI-FRIDGES\*



If you have a broken/no longer operable mini-fridge, please contact [Mason Facilities Management](#) ([csc@gmu.edu](mailto:csc@gmu.edu)) BEFORE you dispose of this item.

Refrigerants MUST be removed *before* mini-fridges can be recycled, they can not be placed in trash or recycling streams.

Please notify Facilities to coordinate disposal on-campus. Outside of Mason, White Goods like mini-fridges should be disposed of at the I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Complex (for a small fee).

- Contact [Facilities Customer Service](#) with any questions about mini-fridge disposal at Mason!



# ON-CAMPUS HAZARDOUS/SPECIALTY WASTE DISPOSAL

## SMALL E-WASTE DROP-OFF



- Cell Phones
- Chargers/Cords
- Ink Cartridges
- Lithium Batteries
- Rechargeable Batteries
- E-Cigarettes

Bring small e-waste items to the **E-Waste Collector** in front of Express in the Johnson Center. **Batteries and ink cartridges** can also be brought to the **Universal Waste Station between Monday – Friday (6:00 am – 2:30 pm)** at the Facilities Recycling Yard.

- Contact **Facilities Customer Service** at (703) 993-2525 or [csc@gmu.edu](mailto:csc@gmu.edu) if you have any question.

## E-WASTE/BROKEN APPLIANCES



- Peripherals (e.g., keyboards)
- Cell Phones
- Monitors/TVs
- Printers
- Chargers/Cords
- Microwaves
- Mini-Fridges

Bring any broken or no longer operable electronics/appliances to the **Facilities Surplus Warehouse (Mon-Fri from 7:00am – 4:00pm)**, or donate any working items in good condition to community sites instead (e.g., Habitat for Humanity ReStore).

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## UNIVERSAL WASTE STATION



### ONLY ACCEPTS:

- Lightbulbs (unbroken)
- All Batteries (e.g., lithium, auto, etc.)
- Printer Cartridges

You can drop off batteries, printer cartridges, and light bulbs at the **Universal Waste Station, Mon-Fri between 6:00am - 2:30pm**. All items should be unbroken and stored in a sealed bag/container for drop-off here.

- Contact **Facilities Customer Service** at (703) 993-2525 or [csc@gmu.edu](mailto:csc@gmu.edu) with drop-off station questions.

## MEDICINE/PHARMACEUTICALS



- Prescription medication
- Over-the-counter medication
- **NO** Sharps/needles
- **NO** Aerosol Cans/Inhalers

There is a 24/7 Prescription Drop-Box for unused, expired, or unwanted medications in the lobby of the **Police & Safety Headquarters** on the Fairfax campus. You can visit the **Student Health Services (SHS) website here** for more detailed information!

- **For sharps/needle disposal**, please see SHS guidance in the **Frequently Asked Questions** section here.
- **Contact SHS** if you have any questions!



# OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS FOR HAZARDOUS/SPECIALTY DISPOSAL

## UNIVERSAL/HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Lightbulbs (unbroken)
- E-Cigarettes
- All Batteries (e.g., lithium, auto, etc.)
- Printer Cartridges
- Aerosol Cans
- Acetone/Nail Polish Remover
- Cooking Oil
- Paints/ Solvents
- Automotive Fluids (e.g., motor oil)
- And more...

If you are off-campus, please bring household hazardous/universal waste items to the I-66 Transfer Station 7 days/week, or I-95 Landfill Complex between Friday – Monday

- Both Open: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, or between 7:00 am – 4:00 pm weekends.



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## E-WASTE/BROKEN APPLIANCES

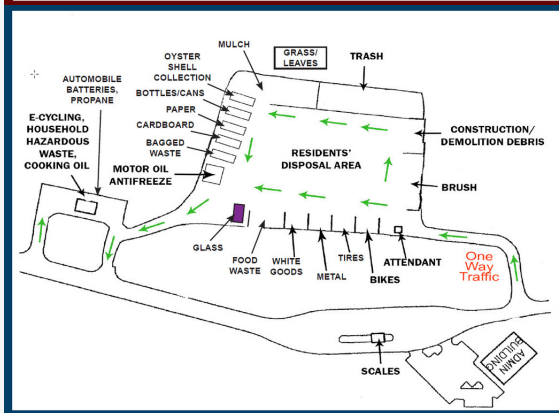
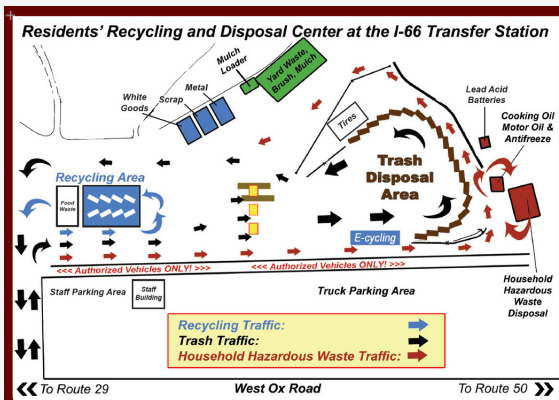


- Cell Phones
- Monitors/TVs
- Printers
- Chargers/Cords
- Cameras
- Computers
- Peripherals (e.g., keyboards, etc.)

If you are off-campus, please bring e-waste items to a local donation site (if still working), or a e-waste recycling site like Best Buy (search Earth911 database).

E-waste items can be brought to the I-66 Transfer Station 7 days/week or the I-95 Landfill Complex between Friday – Monday

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Please see Fairfax County's Safe Disposal of Medicine webpage for more information on permanent drop-boxes and safe disposal guidance. Some hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (e.g., nicotine, EpiPens, Insulin, etc.) can be brought to I-66 and I-95 household hazardous waste drop-off sites.



[See Locations](#)