

Quick Guide to Dangerous Waste Labeling

Waste Type	Labeling Must Say:	Start Date	Accumulation Time Limit	
			MQG	LQG
Dangerous Waste (DW) —including Washington State-only:				
Satellite (limited volume ¹)	“Hazardous Waste” or “Dangerous Waste” and Major Risk (Example: “Flammable” or “Corrosive”)	No	No limit	
DW Accumulation Area		Yes ²	180 days	90 days
Special Waste:	No labeling required (but is encouraged)	No limit until more than 2,200 lbs present, then 180 days		
Used Oil:	“Used Oil”	No	No limit	
Spent Antifreeze:	“Spent Antifreeze”	No	No limit	
Universal Waste:				
Lamps	“Universal Waste Lamps” <u>or</u> “Waste Lamps” <u>or</u> “Used Lamps”	Yes ³	One year	
Batteries	“Universal Waste Batteries” <u>or</u> “Waste Batteries” <u>or</u> “Used Batteries”	Yes ³	One year	
Mercury-containing Equipment	“Universal Mercury-containing Devices” <u>or</u> “Waste Mercury-containing Devices” <u>or</u> “Used Mercury-containing Devices”	Yes ³	One year	
Mercury Thermostats	“Universal Mercury Thermostats” <u>or</u> “Waste Mercury Thermostats” <u>or</u> “Used Mercury Thermostats”	Yes ³	One year	
Electronic Waste (e-waste):	No labeling required (but is encouraged)		180 days	
Cathode Ray Tubes:	“Used Cathode Ray Tubes – contains leaded glass. Do not mix with other glass materials”	Must recycle 75% of waste within 1 year of accumulation		

¹ Each satellite accumulation area is limited to 55 gallons of dangerous waste or 1 quart of acutely hazardous waste.

² Waste from satellite areas will have a start date from when the satellite accumulation area reaches its volume accumulation limit or when moved to the DW accumulation area, whichever comes first.

³ Start dates are not required if another way of demonstrating the date the waste was generated is available, such as an inventory of the items with the date they became universal waste.

For more information on waste labeling and management, please review the following Department of Ecology publications:

Label Dangerous Waste - www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/manage_waste/labeling.html

Risk Labels Required for Dangerous Waste Containers - fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/1204016.html

Satellite Accumulation Technical Information Memorandum - fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/94120.html

Focus on Special Waste Requirements - fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/summarypages/961254hwtr.html

Universal Waste Rule: WAC 173-303-573 - fortress.wa.gov/ecy/publications/SummaryPages/98407.html

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