

# Quick Guide to Dangerous Waste Labeling

## DANGEROUS WASTE

Waste Accumulation Area	Labeling Must Say:	Start Date	Accumulation Time Limit
Satellite (limited volume <sup>1</sup> )	"Hazardous Waste" or "Dangerous Waste" and the hazards associated with the waste	No <sup>2</sup>	No limit
Central Accumulation Area	"Hazardous Waste" or "Dangerous Waste" and the hazards associated with the waste	Yes	180 days MQGs 90 days LQGs

## OTHER COMMON WASTES

Waste Type	Labeling Must Say:	Start Date	Accumulation Time Limit
Special Waste	No labeling required (but encouraged to be labeled as "Special Waste")	No	180 days from the date waste exceeds 2,200 lbs
Solvent-contaminated wipes	"Excluded Solvent-Contaminated Wipes"	Yes <sup>3</sup>	180 days
Episodic Waste	"Episodic Hazardous Waste" or "Episodic Dangerous Waste" with the hazards associated with the waste	Yes <sup>4</sup>	60 days from episodic event start date
Pharmaceuticals <sup>5</sup>	"Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals" or "Dangerous Waste Pharmaceuticals"	Yes <sup>3</sup>	One year
Used Oil	"Used oil"	No	No limit
Spent Antifreeze	"Spent Antifreeze"	No	No limit
Universal Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Universal Waste Lamps" or "Waste Lamps" or "Used Lamps"</li> <li>"Universal Waste Batteries" or "Waste Batteries" or "Used Batteries"</li> <li>"Universal Waste Mercury-containing Devices" or "Waste Mercury-containing Devices" or "Used Mercury-containing Devices"</li> <li>"Universal Waste Mercury Thermostats" or "Waste Mercury Thermostats" or "Used Mercury Thermostats"</li> </ul>	Yes	One year
Electronic Waste	No labeling required (but encouraged to be labeled as "Electronic Waste").	No	180 days
Cathode Ray Tubes	"Used Cathode Ray Tubes. Contains leaded glass. Do not mix with other glass materials."	No	Must recycle 75% of waste within one year of accumulation.

To download and print free labels, visit our website at <http://ecology.wa.gov/printdwlabels>.

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

- Label Dangerous Waste: <https://ecology.wa.gov/labeldw>
- Focus on Labeling Dangerous Waste: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/1904023.html>
- Focus on Special Waste Exclusion: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2104013.html>
- Dangerous Waste Pharmaceuticals Guide: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2004049.html>
- Universal Waste Rule: <https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2104017.html>

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<sup>1</sup> Each satellite accumulation area is limited to 55 gallons of dangerous waste or 1 quart (2.2 lbs) of acutely hazardous waste or state-only toxic extremely hazardous waste (WT01).

<sup>2</sup> 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 central accumulation area, whichever comes first.

<sup>3</sup> 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 waste.

<sup>4</sup> The date the episodic event began.

<sup>5</sup> This requirement is for healthcare facilities managing noncreditable dangerous waste pharmaceuticals under WAC 173-303-555.