



- Q.** I usually throw lint into the regular trash. Is this legal?
- A.** No, if the lint is contaminated with even a tiny amount of perc or another solvent during the cleaning process it may be considered a hazardous waste. Please see Appendix A for more information on how to determine which of your wastes are hazardous.
- Q.** I was told that fluorescent lamps contain mercury. Does this mean that I cannot throw them in the trash?
- A.** Yes. Fluorescent lights and other mercury-containing lamps (sodium vapor, metal halide and high intensity discharge) are considered "Universal Wastes" and are subject to special disposal requirements. Although they cannot be thrown in the trash, these lamps can be recycled. (See the EPP Fact Sheet for a listing of fluorescent lamp recyclers.) For more information on Universal Waste requirements, call the CTDEP at (860) 424-4193 and ask for a copy of the Universal Waste Rule fact sheet or it can be downloaded from www.dep.state.ct.us/wst/mercury/uwrule.htm.
- Q.** Can I throw used metal hangers into the trash?
- A.** Yes. But the most environmentally preferred method is to reuse these hangers until they are no longer acceptable, and then recycle them as scrap metal.
- Q.** I have a bunch of aerosol cans with products that I can't use anymore. What should I do with them?
- A.** Aerosol cans that have not been emptied may be a hazardous waste due to the leftover propellant or the product inside the can. A hazardous waste determination must be completed before disposal. Try to return defective cans to the manufacturer and look into replacing the use of aerosols with refillable spray canisters.

- Q.** Can I use a MSDS (Material Data Safety Sheet) to make a hazardous waste determination?
- A.** MSDSs can be helpful in beginning a hazardous waste determination. They should not be relied on solely since the manufacturer is not required to list constituents that are present in amounts of less than 1 percent (10,000 ppm). For example, if your waste contains as little as 0.7 ppm of tetrachloroethylene (perc), it would be considered a characteristically hazardous waste (DO39). The waste may also carry "listed" waste codes, as applicable.



Did You Know?

Nearly 3 billion wire hangers are consumed yearly in the Garment Care and Manufacturing Industries.

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