

How to handle... **UNIVERSAL WASTE**



BATTERIES



TRAIN

Employees who handle universal waste require training, and the training should be documented.

CONTAINERIZE AND KEEP CLOSED

Tape ends of batteries and place in closed, non-metal, leak-proof containers.

LABEL

All containers must be correctly labeled as "Universal Waste - Batteries" "Waste Batteries" or "Used Batteries."

DATE

Containers or individual items must be labeled with the date when the first battery was placed in the container or the date when the user decided the battery was waste.

REMOVE

Batteries must be removed from the facility for recycling within one year of the date on the container.



If not managed as universal waste, the batteries listed below must be managed as hazardous waste.

Batteries that may be managed as universal waste include:

- button batteries
- lithium and lithium ion batteries
- rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries
- nickel-metal hydride batteries
- sealed lead-acid batteries
- silver oxide batteries
- mercury oxide batteries



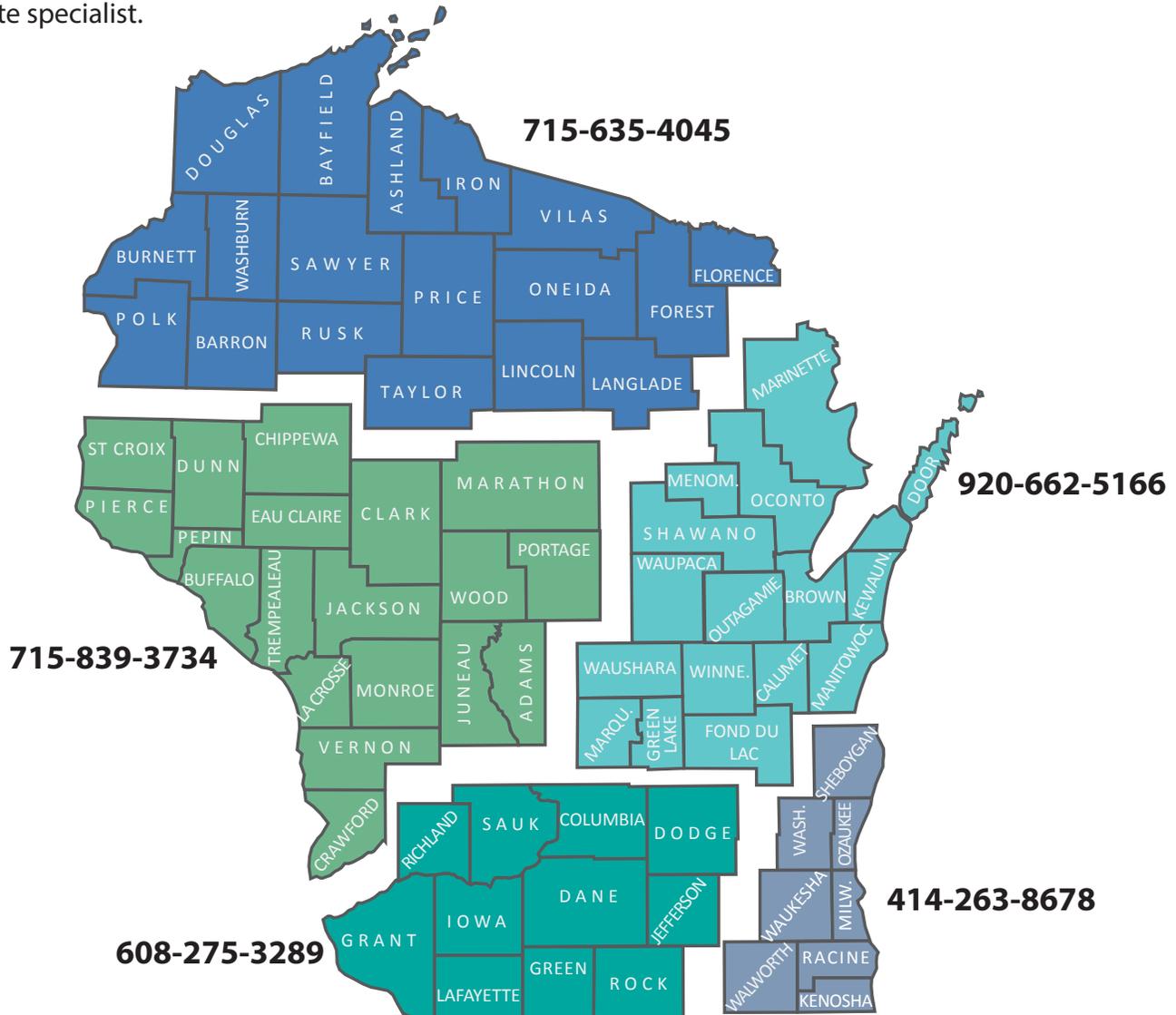
Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and may be disposed or recycled. Go to dnr.wi.gov and search "universal waste" to find WA-1622 *Battery Recycling for Businesses*.

REFER TO NR 673 WISCONSIN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR DETAILS.



DNR CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on this subject, including other publications, staff contacts and administrative codes and statutes, search *Universal Waste* at dnr.wi.gov or call your DNR regional office and ask for your hazardous waste specialist.



Universal Waste Guidance and Reference Documents

- Collector Best Management Practices: Universal Waste and Used Oil (WA-1736)
- Management of Universal Wastes in Wisconsin (WA-742)
- Lamp and Bulb Management (WA-195)
- Managing Used Antifreeze (WA-356)
- Management of Mercury Containing Equipment (WA-1004)



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