

Hazardous Waste Guide

1. Background
 - a. Electronic waste is a type of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste items must be kept out of landfills because they leach toxins into the soil and groundwater, and cause health problems for people and the environment.
 - b. There are companies that accept hazardous waste, but some illegally send them overseas where workers are exposed to the chemicals and suffer health consequences. Electronic waste is repaired and reused, or broken down and recycled. When you throw away hazardous waste, you must make sure to send the waste to responsible facilities.
 - c. UCLA sends its electronic waste to [eRecycling of California](#)
2. The blue e-waste tubes are for household batteries only. They are present at each of the Front Desks: De Neve, Sproul, Rieber, and Hedrick. When they are full, Front Desk staff is responsible for bringing these tubes to the Student Technology Center in Covell Commons L-06.
3. All other household electronic waste and hazardous waste can be disposed of at the UCLA S.A.F.E. Center on the corner of Charles. E. Young Drive South and Strathmore Place (flyer attached). The S.A.F.E Center only accepts electronic waste on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm.
 - a. Examples of other hazardous waste include: paint, aerosol cans, medicine bottles, etc.
4. Small electronics can also be donated through the American Textile Recycling Service (ATRS). These bins also accept clothing, shoes, toys, and other unwanted textiles. There are brown ATRS bins at Delta Terrace, Hedrick Summit, and Rieber Hall. There are also orange ATRS bins outside the Westwood Palm and Landfair Vista Undergraduate Apartments. See this [map](#) for details.
5. Additional ATRS bins are present during the last two weeks of the academic year to accommodate all Residence Halls.