



Door-to-Door Universal Waste Collection and Recycling Program

Home collections and recycling of universal waste (U-waste) will increase the quantity of these waste streams that are diverted from landfills. The program is built to be flexible to meet virtually any need or requirement.

Here are some of the program parameters YOU can determine:

- Number of homes that may participate
- Time period of participation i.e., month, quarter, year
- Quantity of waste per pickup
- Types of waste eligible
- Frequency of participation
- Start and Stop Dates of program
- Select target groups i.e., seniors/disabled persons, single family dwellings; everyone
- Additional waste streams eligible for collection i.e., of paints or other HHW
- Geographically defined area to be served

Typically, Curbside Inc. managed U-waste programs collect the following items:

- Mercury thermostats and other mercury containing items
- Lamps, including tubes and compact bulbs
- Electrical items i.e., stereos
- Electronic items i.e., CRT's and computers
- Household batteries - both rechargeable and non-rechargeable

How does it work?

Residents call Curbside's toll free call center. They are provided with a date when their waste will be collected. Callers are told to place their waste near their door (NOT BY THE CURB) not later than 7:00 AM the day of the scheduled collection. They need not be home. Tubes are to be taped together and standing by the door. On the designated day Curbside's customer service representatives will arrive and remove the materials.

How is it priced?

Pricing is based in part on the answers to the questions above. Most programs are priced on a fixed price for an entire day which can have as many as 25 stops. You determine the number of days per period i.e., month and that is multiplied by the fixed price per stop. This program can absolutely remain within budget.

Who happens to the waste?

In California, all waste goes to a State certified recycling facility for destruction through dismantling. Parts are sold for recycling. No TV or CRT is sold in original condition. This is to prevent these items from being discarded in 3rd world landfills.

Who collects the waste?

When Curbside hires an individual to perform collection tasks in neighborhoods, the first step is to have them screened through the Department of Homeland Security. The DHS new "pilot" program permits Curbside to verify the status of an individual via the internet on a real time basis. If the person we hired is not permitted to work in the U.S. they will be flagged and we will terminate that persons employment before they are permitted to enter a neighborhood.

The next step is for the new employee is to have a background check performed by the DHS. The DHS will check for criminal convictions and other information that would prohibit their ability to drive a vehicle for Curbside Inc. At the same time the prospective employee must undergo a pre-employment medical exam which includes drug screening.

When Curbside sends an individual into neighborhoods in your city, you can be assured that Curbside and the U.S. Government know who they are.

How much waste can I expect to be collected?

We have found that on average about 80 pounds of universal waste is collected from a single home. In one city the average over time is 141#, in another it is 112#. While it is possible that the amount may be higher, it would be safe to use 80 pounds as a good number for planning.

What data can I expect to see?

Curbside collects electrical and electronic waste using about 25 categories. You will see both the quantity of items and the approximate number of pounds for the items in each category. TV's are tracked in five different screen sizes. Testing is performed periodically to verify average weights for each waste stream. You will receive an individual inventory form for each home collected from. This will help you verify that the collection occurred and from where.

What about broken tubes and monitors?

Broken waste becomes hazardous. Curbside is a registered hazardous waste transporter. We will properly package broken glass and tube material for shipment to recycling plants on a separate bill of lading. Our employees have been trained to safely clean-up breakage.

Can I add the collection of other Hazardous Waste to this program?

Yes, Curbside will create a two-tier pricing structure. You pay one price when only universal waste is collected and another when chemicals and other HHW is collected with universal waste. Adding the collection of HHW leverages the fact that as long as our vehicle is already there collecting a TV for example, the incremental cost for collecting other materials is modest.

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