Dining Waste Management Guidance

Some of the waste generated in the University Dining Halls and Student Centers cannot be discarded into the general trash, instead it must be managed appropriately, to protect the environment. These items are identified below, along with guidelines for proper storage and disposal.

Food Oil and Grease
Food oils and greases are collected at each Student Center and Dining Hall. For locations where these waste materials are stored inside, the containers must be kept closed, the storage room must have appropriate temperature controls and have no active floor drains. Other locations collect these waste materials in 55-gallon drums, which are stored outside in containment units that are protected from rain and snow. The Containment units should always be locked and the drums should always be capped unless materials are being poured into the drum. All spills should be cleaned up immediately and the containment units should be kept free of spilled material. The University utilizes vendors for the removal of the full containers of oil/grease. The Student Center or Dining Hall is responsible to contact this vendor for waste removal on an appropriate frequency.

Batteries
Rechargeable batteries are to be collected and will be picked-up by REHS. This includes the following, Lead Acid, NiCad, NiMH and Lithium batteries. Currently REHS is not collecting non-rechargeable alkaline batteries, these can be discarded in the general trash.

Consumer Electronics
Items such as computers, Television, VCR’s, stereos and other items, which contain circuit boards, are considered consumer electronics. Please contact Rutgers Material Services at (732) 445-2255 for the removal of these items.

Fluorescent Bulbs
Spent fluorescent bulbs in the Dining Halls are managed primarily by the Dining Hall Mechanics, with the exception of large-scale re-lamping, which is conducted by the Facilities Maintenance department. Spent fluorescent bulbs should be stored in labeled boxes in a secure location (i.e. a locked closet). Once a box is full, please contact the Facilities Maintenance Zone responsible for your location to request a pick-up. These bulbs will then be moved to a central storage area.

Spent fluorescent bulbs generated in the Student Centers are managed by the Facilities Maintenance department. Please see the Facilities Maintenance Waste management Policy/Procedures for additional information on this topic.

Toner Cartridges
The majority of spent toner cartridges can be returned to the supplier/manufacturer in the original container. Please see the instructions from the supplier/manufacturer of your toner cartridges, for specific information on returning spent cartridges.