

# THE USAP TRASH DICTIONARY

This document has been created by Waste Management to assist all personnel in the segregation of their waste stream. Waste categories have been capitalized to avoid confusion. This list is by no means complete, and any questions regarding items not appearing herein should be directed to Waste Management. In an effort to constantly improve the waste management program in Antarctica, we invite any comments and/or suggestions. Waste Management personnel can be reached at the following numbers: *Hazardous Waste @ 2741, Solid Waste @ 2740, or the SEH Division @ 2544.*

- Aerosol Cans: REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE - This item will be collected and depressurized by personnel at the haz-yard.
- Aluminum Cans: ALUMINUM - These should be empty. Please don't put your cigarettes or chew spit in aluminum cans.
- Aluminum Scrap: HEAVY METAL.
- Aluminum Wire: WIRE & COPPER.
- Batteries: REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE - Dry cell, alkaline, and rechargeable batteries go into the battery box where the recycle bins are located. Lead acid batteries (like truck batteries) are HAZARDOUS WASTE and have to be disposed of through the Hazardous Waste Yard.
- Bolts: HEAVY METAL - Reuse when possible.
- Books: MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPER - or put in the lounges for others to read.
- Boots: CLOTHING - If they can still be worn by someone else. Otherwise put them into CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.
- Brooms: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.
- Bubble Wrap: PLASTIC - or use it again.
- Cans, Metal: LIGHT METAL - Food cans must be rinsed and the labels removed before disposal. Please do not bag these items.
- Cans, Cardboard: BURNABLES - The container only. Plastic lids go into PLASTICS, and pull-off metal lid goes in LIGHT METAL.
- Cardboard  
Corrugated: CARDBOARD - Boxes should be flattened and placed in dumpsters.

<u>Cardboard Single Wall:</u>	BURNABLES - This category includes shoe, cereal, and juice boxes; toilet paper rolls; and software boxes.
<u>Cargo Strap:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Broken straps only. Return useable straps to work centers. Plastic banding and straps - PLASTIC. Metal straps - see <u>Metal Banding</u> .
<u>Carpet:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.
<u>Cassettes:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Music and video, reuse if possible.
<u>Catalogs:</u>	MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.
<u>Cellophane:</u>	BURNABLES - Cellophane and thin plastic wrappers (i.e. Saran Wrap).
<u>Ceramics:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Broken cups, dishes, etc.
<u>Chain:</u>	HEAVY METAL.
<u>Circuit Boards:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.
<u>Clothes:</u>	CLOTHING - Put clean, discarded clothing in the bins in the dorm lounges. Dirty, unusable clothing see <u>Rags</u> .
<u>Coat Hangers:</u>	LIGHT METAL.
<u>Conduit:</u>	LIGHT METAL - EMT conduit; HEAVY METAL - IMC and Rigid conduit (be it steel or aluminum). Please make sure the conduit is not longer than 8 feet in length before you throw it away.
<u>Copper:</u>	COPPER - Insulation on copper wire does not have to be removed.
<u>Crates, Wooden:</u>	WOOD - Broken crates only. Good crates will be collected separately and placed in the crate farm at Fortress Rock Center for reuse by the public.
<u>Dental Floss Container:</u>	PLASTIC.
<u>Deodorant Containers:</u>	REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE - If it is an Aerosol can. If it is a solid or roll-on - PLASTIC, but only if empty. If any product remains in the solid/roll-on, place it go into PRODUCT CONTAINERS.
<u>Disposable Lighters:</u>	REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE.
<u>Drywall:</u>	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Duct Tape: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Electronic Components: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Only if broken, or no longer useful. All electronic and/or computer parts must be checked with Information Systems prior to being disposed of as CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS. The NSF requires USAP participants to be accountable for all electronic/computer parts and systems.

Engines: HEAVY METAL - Internal combustion engines must be drained of all fluids, have all wires, filters, and hoses removed before being disposed.

Fan Belts: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Felt Tip Pens: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Film, Photographic: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Fluorescent Light Tubes: REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE - if not broken. CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - if broken. Please do not break tubes, they contain Mercury.

Foam Rubber: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Food Contaminated Containers: FOOD CONTAMINATED.

Food Waste: FOOD WASTE - Leftover food, coffee grounds, orange peels, peanut shells... and anything similar. Please no glass jars or metal containers.

Food Wrappers: BURNABLES - Paper and mixed media wrappers; PLASTIC - Plastic wrappers; FOOD CONTAMINATED - Wrappers with food that is likely to spoil.

Glass: GLASS - Clean, unbroken glass bottles (clear, green, and/or brown) or jars. The labels can stay, but the lid or cap should go into its appropriate container. Window glass - CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Gloves: CLOTHING - If they can be worn again. Otherwise they go into CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Glue: REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Hand Warmers: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Insulation: PLASTIC or CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Blue board. Fiberglass insulation goes in CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Light Bulbs: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Incandescent or regular bulbs.

Loose Leaf Binders: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Broken binders only. Reuse if possible.

Magazines: MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

Manuals: WHITE PAPER - If printed on white paper. Remove the covers and place covers in BURNABLES. If not printed on white paper - BURNABLES. Tab dividers - BURNABLES.

Markers: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Felt tip pens and markers.

Metal Banding: LIGHT METAL.

Mops: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Motors: HEAVY METAL - Starter motors, windshield wiper motors, fan motors, any electrical motor.

Nail Polish Remover: REGULATED HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Newspapers: MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS.

Paint: HAZARDOUS WASTE.

Pallets: WOOD - Broken pallets only. Unbroken pallets will be placed in the crate farm at Fortress Rock Center for reuse by the public.

Pens: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Radiator Hose: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Razors, Disposable: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Prophylactics: DORMITORY BIOLOGICAL WASTE.

Rags: CLOTHING - Clean rags. Oil and paint contaminated rags are considered HAZARDOUS WASTE. Dirty rags from washing truck windows, etc. - CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

Rope: CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - All types of rope, including poly rope.

Sanitary Napkins: BIOLOGICAL DORMITORY WASTE

Shampoo Bottles: PLASTIC - If empty. PRODUCT CONTAINERS - If not empty.

**Shoes:** See Boots.

**Silverware:** CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS - Reuse or return to galley if undamaged.

**String:** CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

**Styrofoam:** PLASTIC

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Peanuts:** PLASTIC - Place in plastic bag and tie off. Please report to the SEH Division for investigation to determine how the material was transported to Antarctica, and to prevent future use.

**Tampons:** BIOLOGICAL DORMITORY WASTE

**Toiletry Tubes:** PLASTICS - If empty. DORMITORY PRODUCT CONTAINER - If not empty.

**Toothbrushes:** CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

**Toothpaste Tubes:** PLASTICS - If empty. DORMITORY PRODUCT CONTAINER - If not empty.

**White Paper:** WHITE PAPER - White paper with any color ink, manuals, books printed on smooth white paper. Please remove staples and covers.

**Window Glass:** CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

**Windshield Wipers:** CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.