



# Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Details: Drop-off Recycling Equipment - Universal Waste Shed

## Overview

This grant will assist municipalities with establishing or expanding diversion programs for targeted materials at a municipal recycling drop-off or transfer station (“facility”). This grant category is open to municipalities operating a drop-off program for recyclables, including those whose primary recycling program is curbside, but which also operate a residential recycling drop-off. Grants provide for the purchase of enclosed sheds for the targeted material in the table below.

The applicant is responsible for ensuring compliance with all MassDEP regulations and permits. Applicants must contact the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office prior to placing new containers or equipment at a site assigned facility. Additional requirements apply to applicants establishing a new Universal Waste collection program.

## Eligible Applicants:

- This grant item is available to municipal applicants only.
- A municipality with access to a [Material Separation Plan](#) through its waste disposal contract with a municipal waste combustor is **not** eligible for a Universal Waste shed.

## Target Materials and Grant Award Amount:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Grant Award Up To:</u>	<u>Target Material</u>
Shed (minimum of 80 square feet)	\$5,000	Universal Waste (fluorescent lamps, certain batteries) and mercury containing devices (thermostats, thermometers, switches)

## Use of Grant Funds:

Grant funds must be used to purchase equipment for new collection programs or to significantly expand the scope of an existing program.

## Universal Waste Sheds:

- When collected and consolidated, universal waste must be managed according to the Universal Waste regulations at 310 CMR 30.1000. <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/service/regulations/310cmr30.pdf>
- Grantee may utilize a vendor on Massachusetts [State Contract FAC110](#) Category 3 for Universal Waste collection and recycling. The cost of services will be borne by Grantee.
- The collection shed must be a rigid, weather-proof structure within sight of an attendant and open at least one day per month to accept Universal Waste from the municipality’s residents. Small businesses may also drop off Universal Waste, at the discretion of the Grantee.
- If the Universal Waste Shed is placed at an existing municipal solid waste transfer station, the owner/operator of the transfer station must file a certification with their regional MassDEP office 30 days PRIOR to placement of the shed as this is considered a modification in design and operation of the transfer station. Certification is not required for a Universal Waste shed placed at a non-solid waste site, like a DPW yard.
- A mercury spill kit should be available in shed and can be purchased with grant funds. Kits are available through State Contract FAC110.

## Evaluation Criteria:

The following factors will be viewed favorably in the evaluation process:

- Facilities that are open to both residents and businesses
- Applicants that have identified a market for the target material(s)

Applicants that plan to enforce the disposal prohibition on the target material(s)

**For more information on Drop-off Recycling Equipment grants please contact:**

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