

# Capacitors containing hazardous waste



## Overview

Because capacitors are designed to store electricity, you must take precautions while removing the one you wish to dispose of. To avoid being shocked, make sure the electronic item has been unplugged for at least 10 minutes. Many people are unaware that when outdated capacitors reach the end of their useful life, they should never be thrown away in general waste. This is due to the fact that electrical equipment frequently contains a number of hazardous materials. The oil and PCB in capacitors are hazardous wastes. Capacitors must be removed from major appliances. Many capacitors contain oil. It should be removed for best practices in order to securely recycle the metal. Small capacitors, like resistors, are normally discarded as conventional waste. E-waste recycling centers will accept these components for recycling. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are harmful and should be treated. MLCC, silver mica capacitors, and Tantalum capacitors are worth scrapping for silver and palladium recovery. Electrolytic capacitors are normally made from one of three different materials: aluminum, tantalum, and silver.



## Article Content

### Electronic and Electrical Equipment Waste

Note: Hazardous components may include printed circuit boards, motors, pumps, some batteries, lamps and bulbs, display screens, capacitors, ink or toner cartridges, asbestos, mercury switches.>. Common examples of electrical devices which may contain hazardous components include power tools, cameras (excluding single use), lawn mowers, ...

#### How to Dispose of Capacitors?

Capacitors may contain hazardous materials such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are regulated upon disposal. Instead, it is recommended to recycle capacitors ...

eCFR :: 40 CFR Part 761 Subpart D -

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#### Disposal Requirements of Scrap DEHP and Small Capacitors Containing ...

PA United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response DIRECTIVE NUMBER: 9441.23(85) TITLE: Disposal Requirements of Scrap DEHP and Small Capacitors Containing DEHP APPROVAL DATE: 6-27-85 EFFECTIVE DATE: 6-27-85 ORIGINATING OFFICE: office of solid waste 13 FINAL DRAFT LEVEL OF DRAFT DA — ...

#### Subchapter 9: UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

VERMONT HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 9 - 3 MARCH 2001 identified in Section 7-211 of these regulations. (b) Both used and unused fluorescent light ballasts become waste on the date the handler decides to discard them. Note: Various PCB-containing devices (including leaking waste fluorescent light ballasts of any size) and the disposal of the potting ...

#### e-Manifest Fact Sheet: Polychlorinated Biphenyl Waste Handlers

e-Manifest is a national system for tracking hazardous waste shipments electronically, saving valuable time, resources, and dollars for industry and states. ...

- PCB Articles (e.g., capacitors, transformers, electric motors, pump, pipes, and certain other manufactured items). ...
- PCB remediation waste (waste containing PCBs as a result ...

Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE): appropriate ...

Capacitors containing PCB are POPs waste and must be treated in a way that results in the destruction of the PCB content. ... Photovoltaic panels may contain hazardous substances such as lead (in ...

### Identifying, Using and Managing PCBs

Non-PCB – contains less than 50 parts per million (ppm) PCBs • PCB-Contaminated – contains PCBs at a concentration of 50 ppm or more, but less than 500 ppm • PCB – contains PCBs at a concentration of 500 ppm or more • MN03 listed hazardous waste – waste that is PCB-Contaminated or PCB . PCB assumptions . If you are not able to ...

### Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE)

As well as presenting a fire and explosion risk, ammonia is potentially hazardous to both the environment and human health. Capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) -...

### National Waste Collection Permit Office Home

The Waste Facility Permit and the Certificate of Registration Database is a register for waste facility permits and certificates of registration issued by local authorities under the Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) Regulations, S.I. No. 821 of 2007, as amended.. This website is a central register hosted by the National Waste Collection Permit Office ...

### Q& A: Electronic Devices and Electronic Device Dismantling

Partially empty containers, containing hazardous waste ink, that are returned to a retailer or manufacturer for refill must be managed as hazardous waste until they are returned to service ... A capacitor containing PCBs will have a marking on the back indicating such. PCBs were banned in products after 1978, but existing stocks were allowed to ...

### Guidance Notes

Plants that had been installed prior to 1986 were allowed to continue until the end of their working life. Thus it should be assumed that capacitors manufactured before 1976 contain PCBs. However, unless an appliance is more than 20 years old the chance that it contains capacitors containing PCBs is very remote.

### Dealing with hazardous WEEE | NetRegs | Environmental ...

You must store waste safely and securely to prevent pollution. You must keep different types of hazardous/special waste separate, and keep hazardous/special waste and non-hazardous waste separate. If you are responsible for disposing of WEEE and it contains hazardous substances you must make sure it is treated at an approved authorised ...

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#### Prohibited / Special Waste

Light Ballasts and/or Small Capacitors containing PCB compounds ; Septic Tank pumpings ; Special Waste Special Waste is material that, because of physical characteristics, chemical makeup, or biological nature requires special handling procedures and permitting, or poses an unusual threat to human health, equipment, property, or the environment ...

#### Characteristics of Historical Underground Storage Sites of Capacitors ...

Historical underground storage sites for decommissioned capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were import sources of high-concentration PCB contaminants. However, few studies have delved into the characteristics of these sites. We investigated the wastes and cleaned-up soil, soil PCB contamination, and potential risks of 16 underground ...

#### The PCB Regulations and Metal Recyclers and Hazardous Waste ...

transformers, capacitors and lamp ballasts that contain or may have contained PCBs. If you are unsure whether PCBs are present, the following precautions should be taken: 1. Waste oil – Only waste oil not containing PCBs (less than 2 ppm) should be sent for recycling. If waste oil contains PCBs it must be properly stored and destroyed

#### How to Dispose of Capacitors?

Answer: It is possible to recycle non-PCB equipment as scrap metal and oil. According to 40 CFR 761, waste PCB-containing equipment must be disposed of in a specialized manner like hazardous waste. Question 3: Do capacitors have toxic chemicals?

Answer: There is a possibility that some capacitors contain hazardous or toxic chemicals.

#### SWAN02 Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE)

Some capacitors, transformers and fluorescent light "ballast" may contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs are chemically stable, fire resistant and good electrical insulators, ...

#### DTSC Guidance on Major Appliances for Scrap Metal Recyclers

Metal-encased capacitors and components containing polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) or di(2-ethylhexylphthalate) (DEHP) found in room and central air conditioners, heat pumps, stoves, microwave ovens, etc. ... Capacitor oil – oil in capacitors is a hazardous waste. Capacitors must be removed from major appliances. For more information on the ...

Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE): appropriate ...

For example, any capacitors found in equipment manufactured before 1987 should be assumed to contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) unless there is clear evidence ...

#### Universal Waste: Guidance for Minnesota handlers

Waste streams commonly confused with UW include non-hazardous batteries, electronic waste, architectural paint, and lighting ballasts and small capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Each of these has its own different waste requirements: • Non-hazardous batteries

#### Code Definitions for Hazardous Waste Annual Reporting

NEW YORK STATE-ONLY HAZARDOUS WASTE CODES Code Waste Description B001 PCB Oil (concentrated) from transformers, capacitors, etc. B002 Petroleum oil or other liquid containing 50 ppm or greater of PCB's, but less than 500 ppm PCBs. This includes oil from electrical equipment whose PCB concentration is unknown, except for circuit

#### UWED Dismantling and Residuals Classification Frequently ...

Capacitors containing PCBs will have a marking on the back indicating it contains PCBs. You should train your employees to look for these markings. You should separate out the capacitors containing PCBs. If there are no markings on the back of the capacitor, set it aside for a hazardous waste determination. You may also assume that the unmarked ...

#### Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs): registration, disposal, labelling

You must dispose of PCBs and materials that contain PCBs as a persistent organic pollutant and hazardous waste. That means you can either: dispose of the PCBs or ...

#### Removal Storage and Disposal of PCB Small Capacitors Guide

Introduction In order to comply with federal regulations governing the disposal of PCB contaminated materials, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has produced this document to assist landfills and scrap yard in their disposal of appliances (white goods) and other equipment that may contain PCB small capacitors. . Past ...

#### FACT SHEET: Lighting Waste Management

Although not listed hazardous wastes, ballasts and capacitors destined for disposal, regardless of their chemical makeup, may be regulated as a RCRA hazardous waste if they meet any of the characteristic hazardous waste criteria in Title 40 CFR Part 261 Subpart C, "Characteristics of Hazardous Waste." PCB containing ballasts are regulated under ...

#### Capacitor Packaging Guidelines

Small capacitors are defined as those capacitors that contain less than 3 pounds of dielectric fluid. As a general rule any capacitor that is less than nine pounds gross weight will meet this definition. Although exempt from EPA regulation, these capacitors may be ...

Publications: Do you know how to work safely with PC...

You should assume that any capacitor or transformer manufactured before 1976 may contain PCBs unless you have information to the contrary. It is also possible that there may be PCBs present in capacitors and transformers manufactured between 1976-1986.

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Classify different types of waste

Components such as circuit boards, plastic parts or casings may contain POPs and hazardous chemicals, such as flame retardants. You must check the levels of hazardous substances and ...

Are Capacitors within your electronic equipment hazardous?

Capacitors containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) – Historically PCBs were used extensively in electrical equipment such as capacitors and transformers. However, ...

Hazardous components and substances

PCB-containing capacitors (in older equipment) PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, are toxic and carcinogenic chlorine compounds. In new machines, capacitors containing PCBs have been replaced by less dangerous electrolytic capacitors. ... LCD displays are classified as hazardous waste, and may contain carcinogenic azo dyes. Barium, yttrium ...

Standard rules SR2015No3 Metal recycling and waste electrical ...

b) Batteries, lamps, PCB/PCT containing capacitors and disassembled parts/components containing liquids or hazardous wastes must be stored in dedicated, labelled, sealed ...

Standard rules SR2015 No15 Waste electrical and electronic ...

Batteries, lamps, PCB/PCT containing capacitors and disassembled parts/components containing liquids or hazardous wastes must be stored in dedicated, labelled, sealed containers. Either the containers must provide ... Any WEEE containing liquids or hazardous waste which is damaged to the extent that the liquid or hazardous waste could be ...

## Lighting Waste Disposal: Lighting Upgrade Manual

**Recycling Costs** When recyclers remove the PCB-containing capacitor, the volume and weight of the ballast are reduced. This change results in lower packing, transportation, and incineration or disposal costs. Recycling costs are calculated by weight. ... The boxes containing the hazardous waste must be properly labeled. Pre-printed labels or ...

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Environmental friendly technology for aluminum electrolytic capacitors ...

Statistics show that a PCB from a personal computer unit, power supply, and display, generally contains 30–60, 10–32, and 15–118 AECs, respectively . Not surprisingly, large quantities of AECs are discarded continuously with e-waste stream. Meanwhile, AECs are hazardous wastes.

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