Introduction:
The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed and streamlined hazardous waste management requirements for collecting and managing certain widely generated hazardous waste by creating a “Universal Waste” category. This rule is designed to:

- Reduce the amount of hazardous waste items in the municipal solid waste stream
- Encourage recycling and proper disposal
- Reduce regulatory burdens on entities that generate these wastes

All employees who handle or have responsibility for managing universal waste must be informed and trained as to the proper handling and emergency procedures appropriate to the type(s) of universal waste.

Universal Waste Covered:
Paint and Paint-Related Wastes means used or unused paint-related material which is “hazardous waste” as defined under TAC 30 335.1 (relating to Definitions), as determined under TAC 30 335.504 (relating to Hazardous Waste Determination), and which is any mixture of pigment and a suitable liquid that forms a closely adherent coating when spread on a surface or any material that results from painting activities. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Used or unused oil-based paint.
- Spent solvents used in painting (Ex: Lacquer, Varnish, Stains, Aerosol Paint Cans, Combinations of Thinner and Paint).
- Personal protective equipment (Ex: Contaminated rags, gloves, and debris resulting from painting operations).
- Cleanup residues from spills of paint (excludes cleanup residue from a spill of PPRW being managed as UW)
- Cleanup residues from painting and paint-removal activities.

Disposal Procedure:
- Remove the spray nozzle from aerosol paint cans.
- Insure the lid is securely fastened to the container.
- Label as “Universal Waste—Paint and Paint-Related Wastes”.
- Date the container.
- Take the container to the Campus Services Building.

As a Small Quantity Generator, Angelina College must manage paint and paint-related wastes in a way that prevents releases to the environment. If the container shows evidence of damage that could cause leakage, place the PPRW in a closed, structurally sound container.

Universal Waste Storage Area:
The Universal Waste Storage Area is located inside the fenced area south of the Maintenance Shop.

Collection of Universal Wastes:
Contact the Physical Plant at ext. 5280.

If Unsure, Contact:
Environmental Projects Coordinator at ext. 3244.