

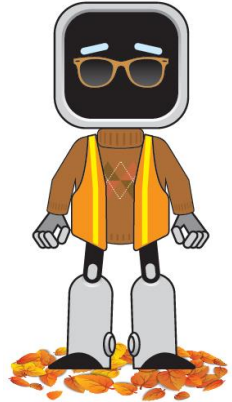
## **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

Almost all retail stores may produce hazardous waste. Returned or expired chemicals, spilled cleaning products like bleach, damaged aerosol cans, and even used fluorescent bulbs need to be managed as hazardous waste. Even though you may generate only a small volume of hazardous waste, the fines for hazardous waste noncompliance can still add up.

### **How Do I Know If Something is Hazardous Waste?**

While things like pesticides and pharmaceuticals are intuitively hazardous, a good deal of retail trash that requires retail waste management wouldn't necessarily set off anyone's "hazmat" alarm. Among these seemingly benign wastes are aerosol cans, hand sanitizers, household cleaners, and more. But consider:

- Aerosol cans commonly contain chemicals, and their propellant is flammable.
- Hand sanitizers are mostly alcohol and therefore flammable.
- Many household cleaners are corrosive, and poisonous if ingested.
- Lamps, batteries, and computers contain metals, which can be toxic.



Although these types of products are generally safe to use, when discarded they may cause harm to the environment if they leach into the soil and groundwater. Always consider if the item may be a contaminant to water, soil, or air!

### **What Do I Need to Do?**

Know what is hazardous. Read the Safety Data Sheet, review product's container label, and look for pictograms that indicate a product is hazardous.

Examples of hazardous items in our locations which must be managed as hazardous waste include:

- Lens cleaner
- Hand sanitizer
- Light bulbs/lamps
- Cleaning products
- Batteries
- Aerosol cans (empty also)

EssilorLuxottica has disposal programs in place for hazardous waste. You can request a waste pickup or mailback boxes/buckets for specific waste streams by opening a Store Maintenance work order.

### **Tips on Minimizing Waste**

- Only buy what you need, when you need it. This will minimize the amount of storage space needed and help you to use your cleaners efficiently.
- Organize your storage areas, so you can quickly know what is already available.
- Use excessive or expired hand sanitizer as a surface cleaner before requesting disposal.
- Purchase non-aerosol versions of cleaners to avoid creating hazardous aerosol waste.
- Use a cleaner until the bottle is completely empty. Don't leave any behind!
- Don't mix cleaners to reduce the number of "almost empty" bottles. Some cleaners when mixed can create harmful gases or even cause an explosion or fire!

It is also important to understand that businesses are often more regulated than individuals. This means that sometimes items that you can throw away at home must be collected as hazardous waste while at work.

If you are not sure if something is hazardous or if it needs special disposal considerations, email your Operations email box or [RetailSafety@luxotticaretail.com](mailto:RetailSafety@luxotticaretail.com) for help.