

## Different ways to handle waste | Aerosol Cans



### What are Aerosol Cans?

“Non-refillable receptacle containing a gas compressed, liquified, or dissolved under pressure; the sole purpose of which is to expel a liquid, paste, or powder and fitted with a self-closing release device allowing the contents to be ejected by the gas”.

The majority of aerosol cans are hazardous waste due to their propellant.

### How can they be handled now?

- Hazardous Waste
- Universal Waste
- Puncture and Drain\*
  - Contents are still hazardous waste and metal can must be recycled



### Puncture and Drain\*:

- A contained unit that expels all contents into a contained drum (hazardous waste satellite accumulation area container)
  - Counts towards your generation
- The punctured aerosol must be handled as scrap metal

### Universal Waste:

- Accumulate as you would any other universal waste
- Limited to one-year accumulation
- Does not count towards your generation

### Hazardous Waste:

- In a SAA, can accumulate for as long as it take to generate 55-gallons
- Once generated, counts towards your generation

*\*A facility who punctures and drains their aerosol cans must recycle the empty punctured aerosol cans and meet the requirements of 40 CFR § 273.13(e)(4)*