

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

PLASTIC

ACCEPTABLE

Any bottle-shaped plastic (mouth narrower than body)
Beverage bottles
Laundry detergent bottles
Milk jugs
Shampoo bottles
Contact solution bottles

UNACCEPTABLE

Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils
Plastic bags (recycle at your local grocery store)
Plastic knives, forks, spoons
Candy wrappers
Straws
Plastic cups
Shrink/bubble wrap
Yogurt cups
Foil juice pouches
Plastic buckets, butter tubs
Styrofoam
Packing peanuts (Styrofoam)
To-go food containers (Styrofoam, plastic clamshells)
Plastic fruit containers
Potato chip bags

PAPER & CARDBOARD

ACCEPTABLE

Any corrugated cardboard boxes (**flattened**)
Paperboard packaging, beverage boxes, cereal boxes
Paper packing material
Aseptic cartons (soy milk, orange juice cartons)
Pizza boxes (**unsoiled**)
Office paper
Printer paper
Junk mail
Magazines
Phone books
Soft cover books (see Specialty Recycling for hardcover books)
Newspapers
Post-it notes
Manila folders
Brown paper bags

UNACCEPTABLE

Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils
Tissues, paper towels, napkins
Paper cups
Coffee cups (recycle cardboard sleeve)
Food wraps
Paper plates

GLASS

ACCEPTABLE

Bottles (any color)
Jars (any color)
Non-heat resistant laboratory glassware (see Specialty Recycling)

UNACCEPTABLE

Heat resistant glass (see Specialty Recycling)
Bio-contaminated or infectious glass (see Specialty Recycling)
Any chemically contaminated glass (see Specialty Recycling)
Light bulbs
Window glass
Drinking glasses
Mirror glass
Ceramics/Pottery
Broken glass

METAL

ACCEPTABLE

Aluminum cans
Tin/Steel cans (**rinsed**)
Aerosol cans (see Specialty Recycling for details)

UNACCEPTABLE

Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils

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SPECIALTY RECYCLING

Ink/toner cartridges

As part of the Stores Toner Recycling Program, schedule a pickup of empty toner cartridges with Central Receiving (614-292-2694) or online at:

<http://u.osu.edu/receivingmail/returns>

Electronics

For university electronics, such as computers and cell phones, contact OSU SURPLUS (614-688-3545).

Batteries

Recycle batteries through Environmental Health and Safety. Start a program in your office by placing a box or 5 gallon bucket in a common area with a sign for batteries. When full, contact EHS to schedule a collection (614-292-1284).

Chemicals

Many materials that laboratories submit as chemical waste are actually surplus chemicals that may be reused. To assist in waste reduction, the Environmental Health and Safety Chemical Management Program accepts both opened and unopened containers of unwanted, usable chemicals from laboratory and service areas throughout campus. The Chemical Management Program takes the unwanted chemicals and redistributes them, free of charge, to other Ohio State operations. Chemicals can be requested by registering at the EHS website. Contact EHS (614-292-1284) for additional information.

Surplus

If you have university assets that need disposal, please work with your asset manager to release the items to Surplus. For additional questions, contact Surplus (614-688-3545).

Heat resistant glass

Heat resistant glass is not recyclable at this time. Please dispose of these materials in the trash. Broken heat resistant glass should be bagged, placed in a cardboard box, and disposed of in a trash dumpster

Infectious or bio-contaminated glass

All infectious or bio-contaminated glass must be placed into an infectious waste box or sharps box. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).

Chemically contaminated glass

All chemically contaminated glass must be placed into the blue sealable chemical barrels. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).

Aerosol containers

Must be empty, depressurized, and cannot have contained hazardous materials. **Do not empty old containers.** Contact Environmental Health and Safety to arrange for proper disposal (614-292-1284).

Metals of value or of university property

Must be disposed of through appropriate Ohio State policies and procedures. Contact the Solid Waste Shop (614-292-3974) for arrangements.

Non-heat resistant laboratory glassware

Must be triple-rinsed. Note that any rinsate becomes hazardous waste. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).