

Recycle Your Glass and Plastic

Items that can be recycled

Any glassware or plastic that can be easily rinsed clean. Examples: glass solvent bottles, broken beakers and flasks, plastic jugs, plastic tubs. You don't need to remove the labels or caps. All colors of glass and any type plastic are okay.

Do not try to recycle things that are difficult to rinse such as small glass and plastic pipettes, or small fragments of broken glass.

Triple rinse

All lab glassware and plastic **must** be triple rinsed before recycling. The rinse waste created from particularly hazardous chemicals / solvents should be collected as hazardous waste. These may include but are not limited to chemicals such as methylene chloride, chloroform, phenol, ether, etc. Acid, base, salt, and alcohol rinses can go down the drain. Use common sense or when in doubt give us a call.

Central collection points

1. Near Watershed Laboratories (contact Lorine Lewis for exact location).
2. Near Crop Protection Unit (contact Tamara Snipes for exact location).

Each program/lab is responsible for deciding how best to collect their recyclables. If you generate a lot of glass and plastic recyclables, then you may want to have containers in the lab. The cardboard containers used to collect broken glass can be easily converted to collecting glass and plastic for recycling. **Keep glass and plastic separate.**

It is okay if university programs want to use our recycling containers. The more we can recycle the better.

Contact Patricia Timper (386-3188), Lorine Lewis (386-3277), or Tamara Snipes (387-2344) if you have any questions.