



## Sustainable Labs



### Mixed Paper

**Includes:** paper, manuals, books, post-its, envelopes.

Rule of thumb: If you can tear it, treat it as paper

**Does Not Include:** paper towels, contaminated tissues



### Glass

**Includes:** bottles, jars, chemical solvent bottles with no hazardous substance or contamination. Remove hazard labels.

**Does Not Include:** broken glass and sharps, caps/stoppers/corks/etc., pyrex, safebreak bottles, bottles that contain a hazardous substance



### Plastics

**Includes:** all plastic types including films/wrappers, black plastic and hard plastic. Must be clean with no hazardous substance or contamination. Hazardous labels are removed.

**Does Not Include:** stoppers, corks and rubber (non-plastics), autoclaved plastic bags, plastics containing any liquids



### Metals

**Includes:** aluminium foil/trays, cans/tins, non-sharp, small metal objects

**Does Not Include:** any contaminated or sharp metal e.g. screws/nails, needles, scalpels, knives



### Cardboard

**Includes:** flattened packaging

**Does Not Include:** contaminated cardboard

**Guidance:** Break down and flatten. Place outside lab at designated collection points for removal by technical staff

## Lab recyclables (Non-Hazardous Laboratory Wastes)

# Recycling & Reuse

## The following recycling requires special procedures:



### Lab equipment

**Of value:** advertise through Re-Store, sell through UniGreenScheme

**No value:** follow Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) disposal guidelines if applicable\*



### Aerosols

Containing hazardous/non-hazardous materials e.g. polish, oils, air fresheners.

Follow the hazardous waste chemical procedure. Book a collection through Sustainability\*



### Fluorescent tubes and bulbs

Contact Sustainability for advice.



### Cans

**Includes:** paints, adhesives,

Follow the Hazardous Waste Chemical Procedure. Book a collection through Sustainability\*



### Batteries

Batteries must be recycled in one of the special battery bins located around the University\*



### Pyrex

Don't put in glass recycling. Put in a pyrex specific caddy.



### Polystyrene

**Hard, brittle polystyrene:** There will be a central recycling point for your building.

**Soft and spongy:**

Small amounts: Put in plastic recycling. Large quantities: request a bin key from your porter and take it to the external plastic bin yourself.



### Pipette tip boxes/inserts

Autoclave for reuse

OR

Place in designated recycling box and technicians will take to centralised point.

## Remember...

### BEFORE you recycle ensure:

Items are empty and dry

Labels are defaced or removed

Caps are removed

Items are not contaminated by hazardous materials

### Do NOT recycle:

Biologically contaminated items

Chemically contaminated items

Radioactive items

Sharps

Common Landfill Items

Paper towels

Bioplastics

## Don't forget

Check the Safety & Health website for CAT II and III guidelines

[www.bristol.ac.uk/safety/biosafety/](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/safety/biosafety/)

