



Lab Recycling Guide

Recycling in the Lab is easy! However always remember:



Materials that contained or have been contaminated with hazardous products (e.g. biohazards, hazardous chemical residues, and/or radioactive materials) can NOT be recycled.



Before being placed in the recycling bin materials must be dry, empty and labels must be defaced.

Glass bottles

Remove the lid, rinse the bottle thoroughly, remove or deface the label (so that the chemical name cannot be identified), place in co-mingled recycling bin.

Not Accepted

Empty bottles previously containing or contaminated with **hazardous products**.



Plastic containers

Non-contaminated, **clean lab plastic containers and conical tubes** may be recycled.



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Polystyrene

Separate polystyrene from all other waste. To arrange collection email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au



Reuse

Empty original chemical containers (predominantly plastic and Glass bottles 2.5 and 4 Litre) can be returned to the Chemical Store for reuse.

Please **DO NOT wash bottles or deface labels** as it is necessary to know what is in the bottles to prevent unwanted reaction.



Packaging

If you can rip it you can recycle it! Place all paper materials in recycling bin. Please note that **tissues, paper towels and wipes cannot be recycled** and should be disposed of in the general waste stream.



Paper products are recommended to go into separate paper-only recycling bins. Cardboard should be flattened and taken to the nearest cardboard recycling bin.

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