



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/

