

Greening Your Lab

Guidelines for lab specific recycling

DOs

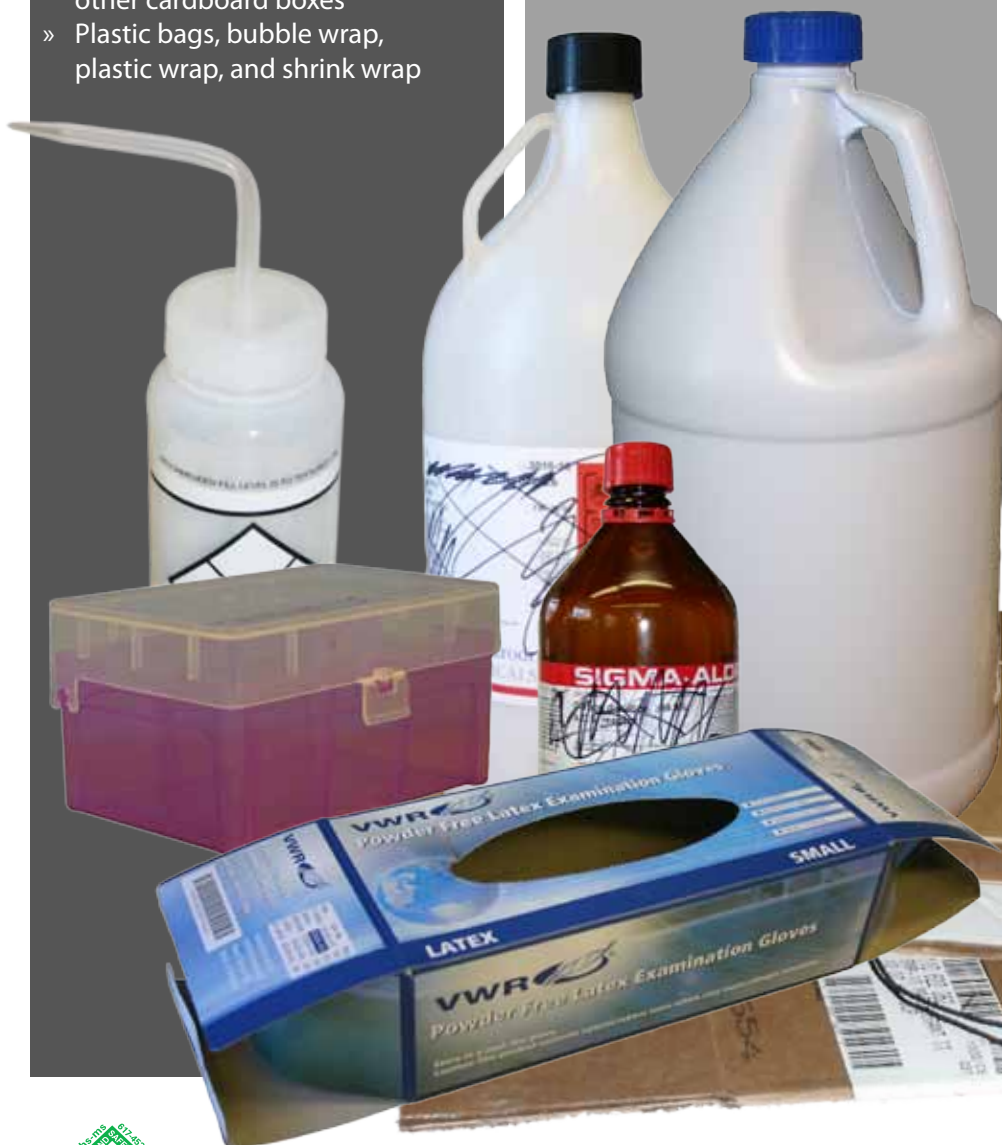
- » Glass and plastic chemical bottles
- » Aluminum foil
- » Metal cans used in shipping
- » Pipette tip boxes and components (#1 thru 7)
- » White goods (refrigerators, air conditioners, large pieces of lab equipment)
- » Toner and ink cartridges
- » TechnoCycle and eWaste
- » All batteries
- » Light bulbs that contain mercury: Fluorescent, CFL or UV
- » Cardboard glove boxes and other cardboard boxes
- » Plastic bags, bubble wrap, plastic wrap, and shrink wrap

DON'Ts

- » Pyrex, ceramic items, broken glass and broken light bulbs
- » Styrofoam containers are not recyclable on campus
- » Ice packs—contact vendor about their take-back program
- » Pipette tip boxes and components (without #1 thru 7)—contact vendor about their take-back program
- » Incandescent and Light Emitting Diodes (LED) light bulbs do not contain mercury—place in trash

HOW TOs

- » Glass and plastic chemical bottles should be empty and odor-free. Collect the first rinse with its associated hazardous waste stream; Remove or deface label; Loosen the cap; Place in recycling bin. All Acutely Hazardous or P-Listed materials should be handled as hazardous wastes.
- » Decontaminate pipette items and components by spraying with ethanol solution
- » White goods—follow the EHS Deactivating and Decommissioning Equipment Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and work with the MIT Property Office before scheduling a pickup¹ for recycling
- » Take all batteries to DMCs, Facilities Stockroom (E19-107), or VWR Stockroom. Tape battery terminals for fire prevention.
- » TechnoCycle and toner cartridge bins are located in DMCs
- » Place mercury-containing light bulbs in your SAA and request a Hazardous Waste pickup²
- » Plastic bags, bubble wrap, etc. plastic wrap, and shrink wrap can be recycled in bins located in lobbies of Buildings W20 and 32



Vendor Take-Back Programs:

VWR

Pipette tip boxes—Maddy Eibner-Siwiek; 1.800.932.5000; maddy_eibner-siwiek@vwr.com; www.vwr.com

Corning

Pipette tip boxes, plastic serological pipette wraps, centrifuge tube racks, centrifuge tube bags—Pam Murtagh, 1.800.492.1119x8048, murtaghpa@corning.com, www.corning.com/lifesciences

USA Scientific

Pipette tip boxes, plastic serological pipette wraps, centrifuge tube racks, centrifuge tube bags—Joe Marinaro; 1.800.872.3847 (ext:518); jmarinaro@usascientific.com; www.usascientific.com



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¹ Building Services tab in SAPweb http://web.mit.edu/sapweb/PS1/facilities_home.shtml

² EHS Hazardous Waste Pickup Form http://web.mit.edu/environment/ehs/chem_collection.html