

NIH Recycles: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Web Page

General Information - Contact the Recycling Coordinator at (301) 402-6036 or (301) 496-7990

- Check the [NIH Recycles web page](#) and the [NIH Environmental Management System web page](#) for additional updated information

Containers

- All recycling containers will be identified by the blue and green NIH recycling logo and with information as to the specific material which can be recycled in the container. Call (301) 402-6349 to request additional containers

Please Rinse

- Please rinse food/beverage containers before putting in recycle container

Do Not Recycle

- Material contaminated with food products, infectious material, hazardous chemicals, radioactive materials or empty containers previously containing infectious material, hazardous chemicals, or radioactive materials
- Other materials which are not recyclable: Pyrex glass labware, polystyrene, glass slides, window or sheet glass

Green Procurement

[Information on Green Purchasing](#)



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All paper products

(Newspaper, magazines, scientific journals, catalogs, binders, Post-It notes, manila folders, envelopes, tissue and paper towel boxes - no tissues or towels, white or colored paper, frozen food boxes, and all paperboard)

Recycle in All Paper Products bin

What Can I Recycle?



Container, Can, Bottle (Commingled) Recycling
(Empty aluminum cans and foil, all plastic bottles and containers - #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 yogurt containers, steel and tins cans, glass bottles and jars, prescription bottles, and containers).
No Laboratory Bottles, Medical Plastics, Plastic Wrap or Bags, Utensils, Chip Bags, Food Wrappers, Foam, or Aerosol Cans

Recycle in Commingled bins



Printer & Copier Toner Cartridges

Recycle in Toner/Ink Jet Cartridge bin.
NIH Charities receive \$1 for each recycled cartridge.



Pipette Tip Racks and Plastic #5

Recycle in Pipette Tip Rack bin.
The plastic is reused for flower pots



Electronics

(Computers, monitors, laptops, flash drives, keyboards, memory cards and hard drives)
Call Personal Property Services at (301) 496-4247 for collection.



All Batteries

Call (301) 496-4710 for collection For UPS Batteries see Chemical Waste Section



Wooden Shipping Pallets Call (301) 496-7990 for collection from loading docks.



Construction Debris

(wood, metal, plastic, cardboard, drywall, dirt, ceiling tile, carpet and concrete) Project Officers submit a Site Selection Request Form for a dumpster. [Additional information on construction debris](#), call (301) 496-7990 with questions.



Animal Bedding

Call (301) 496-7990 to arrange the collection of uncontaminated animal bedding comprised of feed, pine shavings, corn cob, hardwood (maple, birch, or beech), wood pulp from plants, and bedding bags.

Styrofoam Take Back Program

Life Tech Styrofoam containers and gel packs are being collected at Building 10-B2 loading dock, Building 35, 37, and 50 loading dock in cubic yard boxes.