Green Labs Recycling Guidelines

Several recycling initiatives are provided by Green Labs to divert recyclable material from landfill trash. Here’s how each works at UT Austin:

**SINGLE-USE BATTERIES**

- The collection bin is located in Student Services Building (SSB) first floor lobby next to the Pharmacy.
- Do not place rechargeable batteries, lead acid batteries, or lithium ion batteries in these bins.
- All rechargeable batteries are handled by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (512-471-3511).

**KIMBERLY-CLARK NITRILE GLOVES**

- Eligibility is determined by a lab’s biosafety level (BSL) rating and through consultation with EH&S.
  - BSL 1 automatically eligible
  - BSL 2 determined by EH&S
  - BSL 3 ineligible to participate
- Once your eligibility has been determined, Green Labs will provide you with a collection box.
- Items that are not allowed in the glove recycling box:
  - Trash
  - Other Brand gloves
  - Anything that has to be red-bagged.
- This list of contaminants are allowed to be present on the gloves in moderate amounts, but caution must be exercised to ensure no excessive contamination.
  - Halogenated waste
  - Strong Acids/Bases
  - Radical Waste
  - Human Infectious Diseases
  - Carcinogens
  - Strong Oxidizers
- Once your collection liner is full, please bring only the liner to the large collection box at the NMS loading dock. Remember to fill out the drop-off sheet located next to the box!
- New liners are available at the docks.

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**STYROFOAM**

- Collection occurs the first and third Monday of the month from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at the MBB loading docks.

- Please fill out the sign-in sheet when dropping off Styrofoam.

- Clear plastic bags for bagging Styrofoam are located at the following locations:
  - NHB 1.406 Mail Room
  - NMS 3.322 Autoclave Room
  - MBB 1.206 Mail Room
  - PAT 140 Mail Room (on shelf)
  - BIO 311 Mail Room (Dispenser located on bottom shelf)
  - BEL 806 – Dr. Harrison’s Lab (back-left hand corner by the cabinet)
  - BME 3.314

- Styrofoam must be free of labels, tape, and bagged in clear plastic bags.

- Styrofoam packing peanuts and Styrofoam food containers/cups are not allowed.

- Styrofoam packing peanuts can be recycled through UPS or through PakMail.

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**COLD PACKS**

- Collections occur in tandem with Styrofoam collections

- Cold packs are reused locally, so please ensure that all cold packs are defrosted, intact and have no leaks.

- Pack cold packs in a cardboard box/styrofoam cooler box

- Fill in the log sheet available at the docks

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**PLASTIC FILM**

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- Plastic film should be free of labels, tape, and bagged in clear plastic bags.

- Fill in the log sheet available at the docks

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**SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING**

Non-contaminated items that may be placed in blue single-stream bins are as follows:

- Cardboard
- Intact, non-lab glass
- Balled aluminum
- Paper
- Plastic (pipette tip boxes can be placed in these bins!)