## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

### PLASTIC

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Beverage bottles
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Milk jugs
- Shampoo bottles
- Contact solution bottles

**UNACCEPTABLE**
- Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils
- Plastic bags (recycle at your local grocery store)
- Plastic knives, forks, spoons
- Candy wrappers
- Straws
- Plastic cups
- Shrink/bubble wrap
- Foil juice pouches
- Styrofoam
- Packing peanuts (Styrofoam)
- To-go food containers

### PAPER & CARDBOARD

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Any corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Paperboard packaging, beverage boxes, cereal boxes
- Paper packing material
- Aseptic cartons (soy milk, orange juice cartons)
- Pizza boxes (unsoiled)
- Office paper
- Printer paper
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Soft cover books (see Specialty Recycling for hardcover books)
- Newspapers
- Post-it notes
- Manila folders
- Brown paper bags

**UNACCEPTABLE**
- Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Paper cups
- Coffee cups (recycle cardboard sleeve)
- Food wraps
- Paper plates

### GLASS

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Bottles (any color)
- Jars (any color)
- Non-heat resistant laboratory glassware (see Specialty Recycling)

**UNACCEPTABLE**
- Heat resistant glass (see Specialty Recycling)
- Bio-contaminated or infectious glass (see Specialty Recycling)
- Any chemically contaminated glass (see Specialty Recycling)
- Light bulbs
- Window glass
- Drinking glasses
- Mirror glass
- Ceramics/Pottery
- Broken glass

### METAL

**ACCEPTABLE**
- Aluminum cans
- Tin/Steel cans (rinsed)
- Aerosol cans (see Specialty Recycling for details)

**UNACCEPTABLE**
- Anything contaminated with food, grease, oils
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SPECIALTY RECYCLING

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES
As part of the Stores Toner Recycling Program, schedule a pickup of empty toner cartridges with Central Receiving (614-292-2694) or online at: u.osu.edu/receivingmail/returns

ELECTRONICS
For university electronics, such as computers and cell phones, contact OSU SURPLUS (614-688-3545).

BATTERIES
Recycle batteries through Environmental Health and Safety. Start a program in your office by placing a box or 5 gallon bucket in a common area with a sign for batteries. When full, contact EHS to schedule a collection (614-292-1284).

CHEMICALS
Many materials that laboratories submit as chemical waste are actually surplus chemicals that may be reused. To assist in waste reduction, the Environmental Health and Safety Chemical Management Program accepts both opened and unopened containers of unwanted, usable chemicals from laboratory and service areas throughout campus. The Chemical Management Program takes the unwanted chemicals and redistributes them, free of charge, to other Ohio State operations. Chemicals can be requested by registering at the EHS website. Contact EHS (614-292-1284) for additional information.

SURPLUS
If you have university assets that need disposal, please work with your asset manager to release the items to Surplus. For additional questions, contact Surplus (614-688-3545).

HEAT RESISTANT GLASS
Heat resistant glass is not recyclable at this time. Please dispose of these materials in the trash. Broken heat resistant glass should be bagged, placed in a cardboard box, and disposed of in a trash dumpster.

INFECTIOUS OR BIO-CONTAMINATED GLASS
All infectious or bio-contaminated glass must be placed into an infectious waste box or sharps box. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).

CHEMICALLY CONTAMINATED GLASS
All chemically contaminated glass must be placed into the blue sealable chemical barrels. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).

AEROSOL CONTAINERS
Must be empty, depressurized, and cannot have contained hazardous materials. Do not empty old containers. Contact Environmental Health and Safety to arrange for proper disposal (614-292-1284).

METALS OF VALUE OR OF UNIVERSITY PROPERTY
Must be disposed of through appropriate Ohio State policies and procedures. Contact the Solid Waste Shop (614-292-3974) for arrangements.

NON-HEAT RESISTANT LABORATORY GLASSWARE
Must be triple-rinsed. Note that any rinsate becomes hazardous waste. These materials are managed by Environmental Health and Safety (614-292-1284).