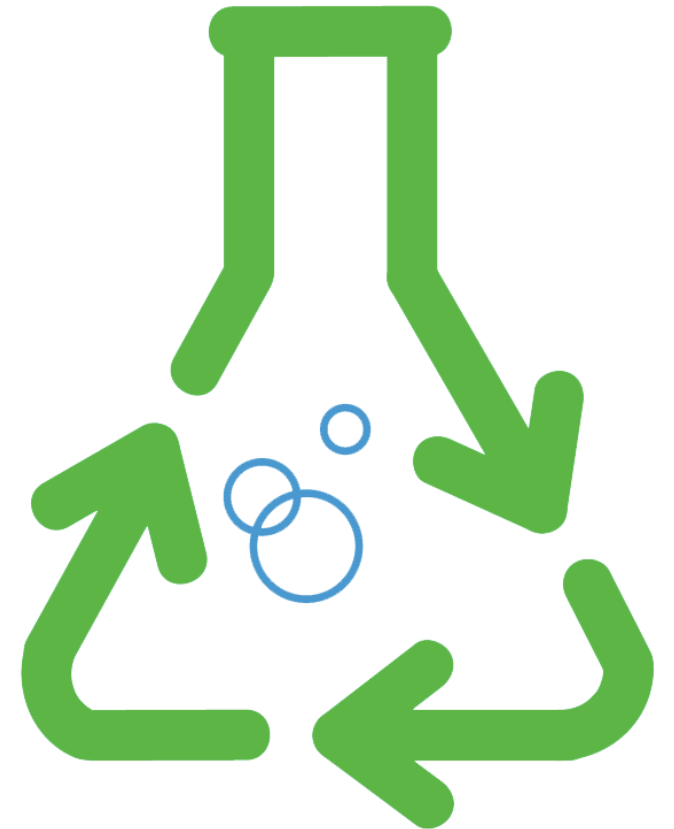


Waste Reduction

PART 1 OF THE LAB SUSTAINABILITY SERIES



Recycling Overview

Recyclable plastics, glass, and paper can be recycled in recycling bins around campus.

Corrugated cardboard is being recycled on campus.

Biohazards

Any waste that is hazardous cannot, or at least should not, be recycled.

Gloves that were in contact with biohazards

Nitrile Gloves

VWR and Kimberly-Clark both provide nitrile glove recycling services.

VWR's glove recycling program is free and allows for the recycling of any nitrile gloves, while Kimberly-Clark's program is not free and accepts only Kimberly-Clark products.

Plastic Film

Currently, there is plastic film recycling in Thurston-Bowles, Lineberger, and Kenan.

There is a monthly pick-up of the plastic film by Fisher-Scientific.

Styrofoam

UNC recycles block styrofoam, but not smaller styrofoam items such as cups and packing peanuts.

A styrofoam recycling drive is held for one week each year in August. Participants can deliver their styrofoam to the designated location to be recycled.

Other Waste Reduction Methods

1. Consolidate orders to reduce total packaging
2. Reduce hazardous chemical use as much as possible
3. Regularly update chemical inventory and audit chemical supply to prevent over-purchasing