

## RECYCLE

Like all federal agencies, the NIH has been charged with reducing solid waste and increasing recycling rates. Blue recycling bins have been placed in all buildings near administrative areas for items such as newspapers, white computer paper, and mixed paper. Other laboratory-generated waste such as corrugated cardboard, plastic pipette tip tray boxes, clear and brown glass bottles, intact Tyvek suits and aluminum may be recycled in the appropriate containers. Recycling container locations and up-to-date information on all recyclables at the NCI-Frederick are located on the web at:

<http://web.ncifcrf.gov/campus/safety/recycling/>

Participation is completely voluntary. To ensure this program's success we must all properly dispose of waste products.

### SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER WHILE RECYCLING SOLID WASTE

- Materials having contact with radioisotopes or pathogenic microorganisms **CANNOT** be recycled.
- Glass bottles containing water-insoluble materials (e.g., oils and waxes) or containing highly toxic, carcinogenic, reactive, or malodorous chemicals (e.g., cyanides, sulfides, heavy metal salts, or mercaptans) should not be recycled.
- Specialty glass such as Kimax or Pyrex ware, light bulbs, drinking glasses, or ovenware cannot be accepted for recycling.
- Glass bottles from the laboratory must be thoroughly decontaminated and free of hazardous materials before being recycled. At a minimum, all glass laboratory bottles to be recycled must be triple-rinsed with water and thoroughly drained.
- All glass bottles must be larger than 100 ml.
- Labels must be defaced before disposal.
- Aluminum foil can be mixed with the aluminum cans.
- Office mixed paper, computer paper, and newspaper will be collected at centralized collection points inside of buildings usually near copy rooms. The army staff will not go to each office so small blue bins must be emptied into the centralized collection points before pickup. The collection bin locations and pickup schedule are posted on the recycling web page. All general office paper can be collected in a single bin. This includes colored paper, company letterhead, and old files. Try to remember not to include any paper clips, staples, or binder clips.

Corrugated cardboard boxes must be flattened before they can be placed inside the dumpster. We sincerely hope that the NCI-Frederick community will make this program succeed and help create a cleaner environment. Any questions can be addressed to Waste Management at extension 5718 or by email at [chemwaste@ncifcrf.gov](mailto:chemwaste@ncifcrf.gov)

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