



HOW DO WE RECYCLE GLASS & PLASTIC?



Steps for recycling:

1. Collect glass and plastic separately.
2. All glass and plastic that can be easily rinsed can be recycled.
3. All colors of glass and plastic can be recycled. Caps and labels do not need to be removed before recycling.
4. Laboratory glass and plastic should be triple rinsed before recycling.
5. Do not try to recycle things that are difficult to rinse such as small pipettes or fragments of broken glass.
6. Call Facilities Operations for pickup as collection containers get full.
7. Glass and plastic is taken to the shop area of building 16, near the scales, for short term storage.
8. The items are weighed and then hauled to Tift County Recycling.

Triple Rinse

All lab glassware and plastic **must** be triple rinsed before recycling. The rinse waste created from particularly hazardous chemicals / solvents should be collected as hazardous waste. These may include but are not limited to chemicals such as methylene chloride, chloroform, phenol, ether, etc. Neutralized acid and base rinses, as well as, salt and alcohol rinses can go down the drain. Use common sense or when in doubt, give us a call.

Each program/lab is responsible for deciding how best to collect their recyclables. Collection bins are located throughout the location. If there is not one in your area, please let us know.

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