

REUSE AND RECYCLING IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH LABORATORIES

- **Chemicals, Equipment and Materials:** Excess chemicals, equipment & materials can be donated or shared through the ChEM Reuse program administered by the Office of Campus Sustainability.
Visit: <http://ehs.umich.edu/hazardous-waste/chem-reuse-program/>
- **Electronics:** All electronics with circuit board (working or not) should be sent to UM Property Disposition located at 3241 Baxter Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2155. Phone: 764-2470.
- **Bulbs:** Your building facilities maintenance department will replace the bulbs and collect the old ones from your lab. Bulbs from lab equipment such as microscopes must be collected and disposed of through EHS Hazardous Materials Management (HMM) group. Phone: 763-4568.
- **Batteries:** Collect used batteries and contact EHS HMM (763-4568) group for proper disposal. Many buildings have battery collection buckets. HMM can assist with the location.
- **Glass:** Glass is not recycled. Decontaminate glass and place in designated cardboard boxes for disposal.
- **Plastic Bottles/Materials (Plastic #1, #2 & #4):** Plastic bottles used for non-hazardous liquids such as buffers or water may be rinsed out and placed in recycling bins located outside of the lab. *No recycling containers are allowed in the lab.*
- **Pipette Tip Boxes (Plastic #5):** Recycled through Fisher Scientific. Send an email to sustainable-labs@umich.edu to request boxes with prepaid mailing labels. Collect your boxes from the nearest loading dock.
- **Cartridges from Water Purification System:** Contact sustainable-labs@umich.edu
- **Used Pens/Mechanical Pencils/Markers/Highlighters:** Recycle through Recycle Write program by sending items through campus mail to: Recycle Write, 109 E. Madison St., 2943
- **Paper Waste:** Establish paper waste recycling practices as follows:
 - Place the recycling bins in office area or in the hallways.
 - Locked confidential paper bins can be kept in the lab. Deposit only clean paper waste into these bins. Paper waste containing body fluids should be disposed of as bio-waste in designated containers.
- **Cardboard:** Leave in the corridor or dock area of your building for recycling.
- **Bubble Wrap/Peanuts/Styrofoam:** Place packing peanuts and polystyrene (Styrofoam) in separate bags, leave them at the loading dock and email recycle@umich.edu for a pick up. *No bubble wrap or plastic air packed accepted.*
- **Toner Inkjet Cartridges/Laser Drums:** Call Mikan Corporation at 734-944-9447 to schedule for an appointment for a pick up from your lab. Mikan picks up cartridges/laser drums from other manufacturers.