



Safety Instruction

Waste: Glass/Lab-ware Disposal

General



- Clean, unbroken waste glass at OSU is recycled through OSU Campus Recycling (7-2925).
- The glass recycling program is not an avenue to dispose of chemical wastes or chemically contaminated glass.
- View [Campus Recycling's Glass page](#) for more information.

Normal Glass (non-chemical/lab)

- Glass does not need to be separated by color.
- Remove lids from containers and rinse container.
- Place in appropriate campus recycling bins.
- Do not place broken glass in the recycling bins.

Chemically Contaminated Glass/Lab-ware

- Does NOT get recycled.
- Most chemically contaminated glass/lab-ware should be boxed up, labeled 'glass', and disposed of directly in the dumpster.
- Containers/Lab-ware contaminated with high hazard chemicals known as P-List materials must be handled by EH&S as hazardous waste. P-list materials can be found [here](#).
- Chemically contaminated containers must be empty prior to being boxed up and disposed of but do not need to be rinsed.
- Allow any residual VOC's from empty solvent containers to evaporate in a fume hood before disposing.
- Obliterate all chemical/warning labels from chemical containers before disposing.

Broken Glass/Lab-ware (chemically contaminated or not)

- Deposit broken glass/lab-ware in puncture-resistant, sealed packaging (cardboard box), tape shut, label as glass, and place in building dumpsters.
- Broken glass/lab-ware disposal box kits are available from Chemical Stores in Gilbert Hall or from commercial vendors.
- Broken glass/lab-ware boxes are NOT hazardous waste and EH&S does not handle them.
- Broken glass/lab-ware contaminated with high hazard chemicals known as P-List materials must be handled by EH&S as hazardous waste, not as described above. P-list materials can be found [here](#).



Broken glass disposal kit

Non-Recyclable Glass and Lab-ware

- Heat Resistant Glass
 - Borosilicate glass, also called hard glass or lab glass (trade names: Corning, Pyrex, Kimax, Kimble), pasteur or volumetric pipets, glass tubing & rods, microscope slides and cover glasses.
- Plate Glass (window glass) and Automotive Glass.
- Non-recyclable glass and lab-ware should be boxed up, labeled as glass, and placed in the dumpster.

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