

# RECYCLING FACT SHEET


## Did you know?

Caltech has recycling programs for TipOne and Genesee pipette tip boxes! Green Labs also supports Styrofoam recycling in some buildings!

Check out our website for more details!



## What else can you do?

1. RETURN products to the company, including:
  - a) NEB and Sigma-Aldrich (Styrofoam)
  - b) Thermo Scientific (low haz TS Art, Art Barrier, and SoftFit-L pipette tips and racks)
  - c) Corning, Falcon, and Axygen (product packaging)
2. REFUSE/REDUCE by ordering only once a week from companies that have unsustainable packaging practices, OR find alternative vendors to order from if possible.
3. REUSE packaging by asking around to see if your lab or labs nearby can use the items (such as Styrofoam packaging).
4. RECYCLE! Our current recycler is able to recycle most items with this symbol  that are larger than a credit card, as long as the items are clean!
  - a) Why should we still sort? Landfill waste should go in bags, whereas recyclable materials are not bagged and have additional requirements for being 1) correct, 2) clean, and 3) compacted where appropriate. Pre-sorting also saves Facilities from having to sort the materials themselves before sending to the recycler, meaning more items are actually recycled rather than sent to landfill!



Check out the ALLEN COMPANY RECYCLING website to learn more!



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