

To help laboratory users reduce waste and promote sustainable practices, the University provides the following laboratory glass recycling avenues.

For the safety of those collecting and recycling the glass, it is important to ensure that laboratory glassware is cleaned appropriately prior to disposal for recycling. Containers that have held acutely hazardous or reactive wastes must be rinsed with a suitable solvent and then placed in the fume hood to allow evaporation of solvent vapours. Empty containers must be triple rinsed with water prior to disposal and the caps disposed of separately. For biologicals, the glassware must be autoclaved.

Within laboratory spaces, Facilities Management is providing a white flip-top bin that is for the collection of smaller glass containers. Acceptable items include, but are not limited to, bottles and other glass containers (up to a maximum size of 1 L), clean Pasteur pipettes and broken glass. It is serviced regularly by janitorial staff.

For larger glass containers, greater than 1 L, laboratory users are asked to bring the containers to the yellow recycling totes located at three primary locations: Petch loading dock, Bob Wright waste compound and the Elliott loading dock.

For glass that cannot be decontaminated (examples include some pipettes, broken glass, etc.) laboratory users are instructed to dispose of these items within the hazardous waste disposal stream. Disposal containers for these products are available from Science Stores or by contacting the Occupational Health, Safety and Environment Office.

For more information about this recycling program, contact OHSE at [ohs@uvic.ca](mailto:ohs@uvic.ca), or call 8971.



In labs, small glass containers (<1L) request from Facilities Management Stores/OHSE



Large glass container recycling (>1L) at loading docks



Hazardous/contaminated glass container at Science