

YES! We Recycle.



How UIC Recycles

The UIC Climate Commitments pledges to achieve **Zero Waste** by **reducing** the waste we produce by choosing materials wisely; **reusing** what we have already by considering new roles for unwanted material; and **recycling** what must be thrown away, thus minimizing material bound for the landfill. UIC has a recycling rate of over 40% and we need to increase that!



Specialty Recycling

Look for specialty recycling in select buildings throughout campus including bins for **alkaline batteries**, **plastic bags**, **pens & markers**, and **toner & ink cartridges**. Also look for bins for **pipette tip boxes** and **nitrile gloves** in a growing number of laboratory buildings. Check the UIC Recycling website for updates.



Recycling Events & Programs

Campus Electronic Recycling Collection

Each September, there is a centralized collection event for **university-owned electronics**. Just fill out the paperwork, bring your item, and a copy of the FABWEB disposal request, and we make sure it is disposed properly in accordance with the OBFS Equipment Disposal Methods.

The Great Stuff Exchange

UIC collects items like **binders**, **desk top filing systems**, and other **office supplies** from departments that cannot use them anymore and makes them **available** for students, staff, faculty - for free! All donated items must be clean and in working condition.

LabShare Program

UIC accepts donations of unwanted but working laboratory materials especially **glass** like **flasks** and **beakers**, and plastics like **pipettes** and **centrifuge tubes**. LabShare also accepts **equipment** without "P-Tags". Labs may purchase these items at a discounted price.

Recycling Stations Guide

Recycling Stations can be found in every building at UIC. These stations usually consist of three bins (Paper; Glass, Metal & Plastic; and Landfill). UIC also strives to reduce waste at the source, so bring a refillable water bottle. UIC has multiple triple filtered water bottle refill stations on campus!



Glass, Metal, Plastic

Acceptable Materials

Aluminum Cans
Steel Cans
Plastic Bottles
All plastics with a #1 to #5, and/or #7 printed on it
Glass Bottles
Aluminum Foil
Juice Boxes and Tetra Paks
Non-hazardous, empty chemical bottles
etc.



Landfill

Whatever cannot be recycled must go to the landfill including

#6 Polystyrene
Styrofoam Cups and Packaging
Broken Glass
Plastic Cutlery
Disposable plates
Food and candy wrappers
Paper cups (for cold & hot drinks)
etc.



Paper

Acceptable Papers

White and Colored Paper
Glossy Paper
Envelopes
Newspapers & Magazines
Copy-Paper Ream Wrappers
Post-it Notes
Chip board (e.g. tissue boxes)
Brown Paper
Hard-Bound Books
etc.



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