

Recycling Lab Plastics

Plastic is ubiquitous in life science research, but not all plastics can be recycled. PETE (or PET) and HDPE are the most commonly recycled plastics – in fact, recycled PETE is in high demand as a source material. Use this guide to identify and sort your non-hazardous laboratory plastics. And remember to check with your Environmental Health and Safety department and local recycling facilities on which types of plastics they accept.

Polyethylene Terephthalate	High Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other (Acrylic, Polycarbonate, Nylon)
 <p>1 PETE</p>	 <p>2 HDPE</p>	 <p>3 PVC</p>	 <p>4 LDPE</p>	 <p>5 PP</p>	 <p>6 PS</p>	 <p>7 OTHER</p>
				<p>Reusable with Rainin refills</p> 		

Rigid caps, labels and filters may need to be removed and discarded before recycling. Do not recycle containers for acids, bases, toxins, hazardous or radioactive materials.