

# RECYCLING

## What can I recycle in the bins on campus?

There are various types of recycling bins at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine (Med Center). Each bin has signage indicating what items are accepted, often with images to provide additional guidance. Green bins accept metal, cardboard, and plastic materials. Cardboard should be broken down and placed inside or next to your green bin.

By policy, all paper should be placed in a blue deskside bin, large blue bin, or large gray DataShield container. All paper is shredded to ensure HIPAA/FERPA/confidentiality compliance (even non-confidential paper like newspapers). Sometimes, you'll see a triple bin, which accepts plastic/metal, landfill materials, and paper in their respective sections.

## What else does the Med Center recycle?

- Alkaline batteries (single use)
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Refrigerators & freezers
- Mercury-Containing Lamps
- Techno trash: CD's, Disks, VHS tapes
- Toner cartridges
- Writing instruments
- Lab coats



For information on how the Med Center recycles these materials, please visit <https://livegreennebraska.com/recycling/>.

## Why should I recycle?

Recycling is a simple way to help reduce the amount of material the Med Center sends to the landfill. Material in the landfill creates toxic emissions as it decomposes, while recycling turns old materials into new ones! Reducing and reusing are also great strategies for helping the Med Center meet its Net Zero Waste by 2030 goal.

See [dashboard.livegreennebraska.com](https://dashboard.livegreennebraska.com) to track our progress and for more info about the Med Center's sustainability goals.

## SUPPLY EXCHANGE

Do you have unused supplies that could be used by somebody else? Are you in need of supplies? Check out the Med Center Supply Exchange to list and find office, lab, and other supplies!  
<https://livegreennebraska.com/supply-exchange/>

## E-WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Each year, usually during Earth Month, the Med Center and UNO partner to host a paper shredding, techno trash, and e-waste recycling event.  
<https://livegreennebraska.com/personal-recycling-shredding-event/>

## WASTE HANDLING INFORMATION

Guide to managing waste in a way that protects patients, employees, students, contractors, visitors, and volunteers - as well as the environment.  
[https://wiki.unmc.edu/index.php/Waste\\_Handling](https://wiki.unmc.edu/index.php/Waste_Handling)