



Tip Box & Styrofoam Recycling Programs

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The following is an informational list of companies that recycle plastic lab tip boxes and styrofoam coolers. These programs are not currently funded or operated by Tulane, but can be initiated by individual laboratories. By participating in these recycling initiatives, your lab can divert a substantial amount of waste from landfills, reducing your environmental impact.

Lab tip boxes

VWR (<http://us.vwr.com>)

(https://us.vwr.com/store/catalog/product.jsp?product_id=9227627)

- Used pipet plastic tip boxes are accepted.
- Plastic waste is ground, melted, and pelletized through extrusion by TerraCycle to create recycled resin. Resin is combined with other recycled plastics to make park benches and other items.
- Boxes are shipped in a pack of 5 with each holding 113 empty pipet tip boxes
- \$268.91 for each 5 pack
- When ready to ship, boxes can be placed in outgoing mail with prepaid UPS shipping label.

Styrofoam coolers

The following two lab equipment companies take back Styrofoam coolers, free of charge, for reuse on future mail deliveries.

Sigma Aldrich (www.sigmaaldrich.com/unitedstates.html)

<http://www.sigmaaldrich.com/chemistry/greener-alternatives/polystyrene-cooler-return-program.html>

- Comes in a box with a pre-paid return label
- Drop off with Postal Service
- Box will be returned to service with another order.

New England Biolabs (www.neb.com)

- Comes in a box with a pre-paid return label
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If your lab participates in these programs, we would love to get your feedback on your experience and how they worked for you!

Contact us at recycle@tulane.edu