

Corning Recycles

Frequently Asked Questions



1. I heard Corning has a recycling program. How does this work, and who do I contact to arrange this?

Corning Life Sciences currently supports lab product packaging take-back for US-based customers. Details about the program are available at www.corning.com/recycles. We are exploring options for other countries and regions, check with your Corning Account Manager for program updates.

2. What products are included as part of the Corning recycling program? What is not eligible?

Included:

- Corning®, Falcon®, or Axygen® product packaging
- Pipet tip racks and lids (recycling resin code #5).
- Centrifuge tube Styrofoam rack
- Only plastic packaging and peelable lidding film paper from cell culture dishes, plates, and flasks with recycling resin codes 1, 2, 4, or 5.
 - Resin Code #1: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)
 - Resin Code #2: High-density polyethylene (HDPE)
 - Resin Code #4: Low-density polyethylene (LDPE)
 - Resin Code #5: Polypropylene (PP)

Not included:

- No plastic packaging with recycling resin codes 3, 6, or 7.
 - Resin Code #3: Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
 - Resin Code #6: Polystyrene (PS)
 - Resin Code #7: Miscellaneous Materials
- No actual products, biohazard materials, liquids, radioactive waste, or regulated waste of any kind.
- No packaging from biologically coated products (Corning BioCoat®, Corning Matrigel® matrix, etc.).
- No cardboard/corrugated boxes. Cardboard can be recycled through your local recycling channels.
- No packaging materials from other manufacturers. Because Corning pays a fee, please only recycle packaging from Corning's brands (Corning, Falcon, and Axygen).

3. How do I know what the product packaging is composed of and if it is possible to recycle?

Corning Life Sciences is working to ensure that all packaging is labeled with the appropriate recycling symbols and information. If you still aren't sure, contact your Corning Account Manager.

4. Are recycled or reused materials used in product production?

Some Corning Life Sciences products benefit from pre-consumer regrind, a process that captures scrap plastics and resins from internal manufacturing for re-use in production; percentages vary depending on the product and plant.

Recycled resins are also starting to become available, though recycled content is currently very low. We are actively working with our supply chain to explore the technical viability of recycled resins for future use with our products.

5. When I use Corning Recycles, where does the product go, and what is it recycled into?

Product is sorted and sent to our recycler to process. The recycled content is then used in various consumer and industrial end markets depending on demand (i.e., consumer good bottles, personal care items, automotive parts, paint cans, packaging, etc.).

6. Are Corning EcoChoice™ products included in Corning Recycles?

Not all EcoChoice products can be recycled. Eligibility for the Corning Recycles program depends on both the material of the product and how the product is used in your lab. Please review www.corning.com/recycles for more information on what can be recycled in the program.

7. Can Corning give me a report on how much I recycled?

We can share at the end of the year how many shipments you sent back to us and the estimated weights. Please contact your local Corning Account Manager.

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