



*The University of Kentucky encourages facilities to reduce, reuse, recycle and exchange to reduce environmental concerns, improve safety and reduce costs.*

### DO

- ✓ Reduce, reuse, recycle and exchange as the first step in managing solid waste.
- ✓ **Reduce** the amount of wastes generated and toxicity of products used to the greatest extent possible.
- ✓ **Reuse** concrete, asphalt and soil for road repair.
- ✓ **Recycle** newspaper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metal containers and items, copper wire and tubing, rubber, and other items at local recycling facilities.
- ✓ **Exchange** vehicle batteries, water pumps, carburetors, alternators, pesticide containers, etc., with vendors or when local purchases are made.
- ✓ Use available recycling contracts.
- ✓ Store materials for recycling in a location that is consistent with the permit.
- ✓ Divert runoff from recycling storage locations.
- ✓ Always ask for a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before ordering any new product.
- ✓ Keep lids on all solvents and turn off solvent parts washer when not in use.
- ✓ Have qualified personnel service equipment that contains Freon.

### DON'T

- ✗ Don't throw away items that can be reused, recycled or exchanged.
- ✗ Don't accumulate batteries; avoid regulation.

## Materials & Waste Management

- ▲ Follow appropriate guidelines from recycling contracts, vendors or recycling centers for allowable items, materials management, separation and transportation arrangement.
- ▲ Double wrap broken or cracked vehicle batteries in heavy plastic and exchange promptly.
- ▲ Refer to the UK Environmental Management Department "Battery Management" fact sheet for proper labeling of batteries.

## Facility Checklist

- ☐ Check storage areas for recyclable materials to ensure that the handlers' conditions are being met.
- ☐ Check to ensure that materials are routinely transferred to a recycling vendor or facility.
- ☐ Assure all containers for recycling are properly labeled.

## Tips and Tricks

- ! Containers that can be recycled: washer fluid, new oil, new anti-freeze, battery acid gas line anti-freeze, diesel conditioner, radiator cleaner, brake fluid, starting fluid, liquid soap, solvents, brake cleaner, carburetor cleaner, paints, toluene, hand cleaner, janitorial products, etc.
- ! Recycling contracts may be available for tires, batteries, anti-freeze, vehicle oils, oil filters, fuel filters, parts cleaning machine systems, etc.
- ! Recycling and exchanging materials is a good housekeeping practice and ensures compliance with hazardous waste and solid waste regulations and avoids costly penalties.
- ! Remember that "biodegradable" does not necessarily mean environmentally safe or that the product is exempt from regulations.
- ! Solvent losses due to evaporation, equipment leaks or spills and inappropriate usage can range from 25-40 percent
- ! UK Environmental Mgmt. 859-323-6280

## If...Then

- If you are not sure whether an item can be recycled, contact UK PPD Recycling Department at 859-257-8491.

**Training:** 1 per Year

**Season:** Winter

### Relevant Environmental Programs

○ Air Quality

○ 401/404/WQC

● KPDES

● MS4

○ GWPP

● Waste

○ Pesticides

○ SPCC



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## NOTES

- 1) UK Environmental Management is located at 355 Cooper Drive, Lexington, KY 40506-0490, 859-323-6280, [ehs.uky.edu/env](http://ehs.uky.edu/env).