



RECYCLING CONTAINER GUIDELINES



The following guidelines were jointly prepared by the UC Davis Fire Prevention Unit and Project Recycle in an effort to assist in the proper placement of containers used for recycling.

Placement of Recycling Containers in a Corridor, Assembly Room, or Building:

1. The location must not reduce the required exit width nor create an exiting obstruction. Placing the containers in alcoves is an acceptable method; however, the University Fire Division – Fire Prevention Unit, must approve each corridor location.
2. The container must be non-combustible, have a self-closing (spring-loaded) lid, and be approved by the UC Davis Fire Department or an approved testing laboratory.
3. The container or housing unit must be adequately secured to the floor or wall to prevent the container from becoming an exiting obstruction.
4. The containers must be emptied regularly to prevent overflow. If overflow occurs, additional containers may be needed or the containers relocated outside of the corridor environment.

The use of Rubbermaid or any other brand of plastic containers for recycling paper or cans and bottles or trash is permitted under desks, in an office setting or in a large modular furniture environment.

The following additional requirements from the Life Safety Code (NFPA 101: 20.7.55) applies to the UC Davis Health System hospital and medical office buildings:

1. Recycling containers must not exceed 32 gallons in capacity.
2. The average density of container capacity in a room or space must not exceed 0.5 gallons/square foot.
3. A capacity of 32 gallons must not be exceeded within any 64 square foot area.
4. Mobile Recycling containers with capacities greater than 32 gallons may be located in a room protected as a hazardous area (walls fire rated to one hour) when not attended.

Please contact the University Fire Department - Fire Prevention Unit at (530) 752-1236 on campus or **(916) 734-0420 at the UC Davis Medical Center** if you have any questions. Additional information about recycling at UC Davis can be found at the following link:

