Hi Genetics,

Thanks to all who come to the Safety Meeting. Below is the information that Adam presented and discussed. I’ve pasted the text from Harvard Recycling regarding updates to the recycling policy – please share this with your labs. We will be working with HMS Custodial to implement changes. The new lab recycling signage is attached, along with trash signage.

I want to also encourage you all, in light of the changes to lab recycling, to find meaningful and impactful ways of being green. Please consider Green Lab certification as a means to promote sustainability in our labs. I am working to certify our Glasswash and Media Prep Facilities as Leaf 4 Green Labs.

Green Lab Certification - This site includes the application in Excel, presentation, Orientation guide, feedback survey
http://green.harvard.edu/greenlabcert

Thank you
Kristen

Lab Recycling Updates
Recent changes in world markets for recyclable products now prevent us from accepting certain plastic items. **Basically, we can no longer recycle labware plastics, and we can be fined if labware plastics are found in the general recycling.**

To facilitate this transition, we ask that you **consider removing most of the large recycling bins from inside of the wet-lab (chemical-using) spaces.** The lab groups should no longer need these large recycle bins, and this will limit their ability to recycle plastic labware accidentally. One small recycle-bin per bay should be enough. Ideally, the unused recycling bins can be stored in the building until a future date when a solution has been found. This change does NOT affect offices and computer labs.

Please:
- Publicize the following changes in your labs?
- Post new recycling and trash signage

1. **Labware plastics are no longer recyclable.** This includes all pipette tip boxes and plastic
bottles. Please discard these items as trash.

2. We want you to continue recycling all cardboard boxes, publications, and printed papers in the labs.

3. Bottles, cans, and clean food and beverage containers are still recyclable. Along with paper products, this represents 90% of the recyclable products used in the lab buildings. This change does not affect recycling these items in computer labs or common spaces. This only affects areas where food and drinks are NOT allowed.

4. Some recycling bins may be removed from the labs. They will be returned when a solution allows for recycling labware in the lab spaces again.

5. Custodial will put contam into trash

We hope to be able to send you news of better recycling markets soon. In the meantime, thank you for taking these measures to make sure that non-labware recycling continues on our campus vigorously.

(If additional signage is needed, email sustainability@hms.harvard.edu)

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Subject: Reminder: Genetics Safety Committee Meeting - TODAY!!!

Hi Genetics,
Please join us for Genetics Safety Committee Meeting, today - Wednesday 3/28/18 12-1pm in NRB room 354. If you cannot attend, please send a representative from your lab.
Thank you and see you all soon!
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Subject: Genetics Safety Committee Meeting - This Wednesday

The next Genetics Safety Committee Meeting will be Wednesday 3/28/18 12-1pm in NRB room 354

The topic for this meeting will be Green Labs Certification Program

I encourage everyone to attend – if you are unavailable for this day/time please send another representative from your lab – I would like to see one person from each group. If you or the rest of your group is unable to attend please let me know.

Lunch will be provided.

Thanks,

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