

PURCHASE SUSTAINABLY



- ☐ Maintain an inventory of supplies, equipment, and chemicals to avoid duplicate or unnecessary purchases. Download the [UC Chemicals app](#) for inventory management.
- ☐ Before purchasing new items, check with surplus sales inventory at [UCI's Peter's Exchange](#).
- ☐ Check for eco-labels such as [Energy Star](#) and [ACT](#) when making purchases.
- ☐ Reduce the use of hazardous chemicals when possible with [green chemistry alternatives](#).
- ☐ Only ship overnight or rush when absolutely necessary.
- ☐ Purchase from vendors who strive to reduce packaging waste. For example, [Thermo](#) has a cardboard box alternative to Styrofoam coolers.
- ☐ Consolidate orders and order only what you need. If you need a small amount, consider asking for a sample instead.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can easily locate energy and cost-saving lab items through [Ecomedes](#), an online tool listing products that meet UC's sustainable procurement criteria.