

# UAB ENVIRONMENTAL “GOING GREEN” ACTIVITIES

## UAB RECYCLING PROGRAM

As part of our “**GREEN**” environmental efforts, UAB has a recycling program in many areas. Some recyclable materials are more economically separated by our waste handling contractor after collection, while other recyclables are collected and stored separately.

**Approximately 2,199,752 pounds of recyclable materials are collected and recycled each year at UAB that would otherwise go to a local landfill.** UAB has recently contracted with a consulting firm to assist in increasing UAB’s recycling program to an even higher level. Our goal is to reach 30% within the next five years.

| Examples of Materials Being Recycled   |   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Paper</li> <li>• Scrap Metals</li> <li>• Motor Oil</li> <li>• Tires</li> <li>• Batteries</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florescent Lamps</li> <li>• Lamp Ballasts</li> <li>• Elemental Mercury</li> <li>• Surplus Stores</li> <li>• Organic Materials</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Printer Cartridges</li> <li>• Refrigerants</li> <li>• Grease</li> <li>• Medical &amp; Surgical Tools</li> <li>• Construction Demolition Materials*</li> </ul> |

\* Almost all of the construction debris was recycled from the demolition of Hixon Hall, University Hall and Blazer Hall



**CURRENT 2007 RECYCLED MATERIALS: 18.63%**

### Current & Future Initiatives

- We are currently negotiating with the local recycling companies to provide special recycling containers through the campus to collect paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard. This will increase our level of recycling and raise the consciousness of our students and staff.
- Hire a Recycling Manager/Coordinator