

REUSE

OF SHIPPING MATERIALS

Reuse is often confused with recycling, but they are really quite different. Reuse in the broadest sense means any activity that lengthens the life of an item. Recycling, on the other hand, is the reprocessing of an item into a new raw material for use in a new product.

Why is reuse so important? Recycling often requires considerably more energy to process and transport than is needed to simply use it over and over again. This energy is primarily obtained, directly and indirectly, through burning fossil fuels. As a result, carbon dioxide emissions associated with recycling are higher than with reuse.

You **can** now drop off shipping materials such as:

- “Peanuts”
- Bubble wrap
- Foam blocks
- Foam wrap
- Wine shipping containers (Styrofoam or cardboard)

We **cannot** accept the following for reuse at this time:

- Used boxes
- Paper wrapping
- Plastic shrinkwrap
- Styrofoam packing materials for electronics

These items can continue to be recycled.

To have these items reused, either:

- **Bring them to AIM Mail Center, 15559 Union Ave (next to Safeway), or**
- **Give them directly to Paul Yeadon at UUFLG.**

Please DO NOT leave them at the Fellowship building as there is not enough space to store them. Thank you