

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM THEME – RECYCLING RIGHT!

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Do your residents know what they can and can't recycle on campus? Do they know where to recycle things on campus? Do they know what happens to the recycling when it leaves campus? These are all examples of questions that you can teach your residents about recycling! By recycling right, we can assure that more materials get recycled and lessen the costs associated with recycling.

WHAT CAN WE RECYCLE ON CAMPUS?

In the Blue Recycling Bins:

- Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars
- Glass bottles
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Mixed paper

In the Blue Dumpster

- Flattened Cardboard

In Your Community Office:

- Clean and dry Plastic Film, including:
 - Plastic grocery bags
 - Product packaging wrap
 - Air Pillows and Bubble Wrap
 - Zip-close food storage bags (NOT frozen food bags)
 - Recyclable plastic film must be *stretchy* not *crunchy*. NO chip bags or candy wrappers.
- Printer cartridges (inkjet & laser toner)
- Batteries
- Light bulbs

In the Student Union:

- All Batteries
- Small Electronic Waste, such as cell phones, peripherals, cords, and chargers (e-waste compartment)
- Plastic Film

WHAT ARE SOME COMMON CONTAMINANTS IN OUR RECYCLING ON CAMPUS?

Common contaminants: NEVER in blue (recycling) bins:

- Plastic Bags
- Lids
- Cups
- Straws
- Food-contaminated items



WHY IS RECYCLING IMPORTANT?

- ⇒ Supports over 18,000 private-sector jobs in North Carolina
- ⇒ Conserves natural resources and creates feedstock for new products
- ⇒ Helps UNC reach its climate-neutral and zero-waste commitments
- ⇒ Prevents pollution caused by the manufacturing of products from virgin materials



RECYCLING FACTS

- UNC-Chapel Hill fills enough trash dumpsters to line Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, every 106 days.
- North Carolinians recycle 85.4 pounds of materials a second. That's impressive! But we throw away over 752 pounds of trash a second. That's almost nine times what we recycle.
- Recycling one ton of aluminum cans saves the equivalent of 1,665 gallons of gasoline.
- By producing a ton of paper from recycled materials, energy consumption is cut in half and 17 trees are saved.

WHAT COULD YOUR PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

- Set up a recycling shootout where residents toss recyclables into their appropriate bins. You could include some non-recyclables to test your residents' knowledge!
- Hold a recycling scavenger hunt! Have your residents visit the different types of recycling bins we have on campus.
- Create an educational bulletin board in your hall made from recycled materials!

For more info visit the [Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling Website](#)



PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING



Bags must be clean and dry.

Acceptable types of bags include:
"soft, stretchy" plastic bags such as grocery bags, bread bags, food storage bags, stretch wrap, and produce bags.

Please **do not** place the following items in the plastic bag collection bin.

This includes:



FOOD WASTE
or food soiled bags.



CRINKLY/FOIL BAGS
such as chip and snack bags, or candy wrappers.



PAPER
including tape, stickers, labels or adhesives.



CUPS
or items containing liquid or any other trash.

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MIXED PAPER

Includes: white paper (any color ink), cardstock, manila folders, newspaper, magazines, journals, post-it notes, books, color paper, newspaper, and paperboard.



PRINTER CARTRIDGES

Send inkjet cartridges through campus mail to the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, CB #1805. Laser toner cartridges may be picked up by filling out a form online at wastereduction.unc.edu.



BOTTLES & CANS

Includes: aluminum/steel cans; aluminum foil/trays; plastic and glass bottles; glass jars; #2, #4, and #5 tubs; pipette tip boxes. Empty liquids out and keep caps on.



CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Break down and flatten. Place corrugated cardboard next to office trash or by hallway trash can for removal by Housekeeping Services.



OFFICE & COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

These items, along with furniture, CDs, DVDs, videotapes, scrap metal, and white goods may be taken to Surplus Property. Surplus will also pick up items. Please call Surplus Property at 919-962-2134 if you have questions.



BATTERIES

All non-automotive batteries may be recycled by contacting EH5 at 919-962-5507. Segregate and pack separately: Alkaline batteries, Li (tape terminals), 9-Volt (tape terminals), Ni-Cad and Button Cell.

CONFIDENTIAL PAPER

Visit wastereduction.unc.edu/CampusRecycling/ConfidentialPaperRecycling for more information.

DESKSIDE BINS

Employees are responsible for taking their recycling from deskside bins to centralized hallway sites. You may order deskside recycling bins from Staples (via ePro), as with other office supplies.

MOVING OFFICES?

Visit wastereduction.unc.edu/CampusRecycling/OfficeRecycling/OfficeCleanOutGuide for more information.



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To recycle any of these items, please call OWRR or fill out an online waste pick-up form at portal.facilities.unc.edu/masterpg/recycle.aspx