

Recycling Guidelines

Recycling helps the environment and is the law in New Jersey. Help the University reduce waste by recycling properly.

Recycle

Paper / Cardboard:

Metal staples & clips are okay. Break down/flatten boxes. Remove any plastic.

Office Paper

- Printer/copier paper
- Colored paper, Post-Its
- Envelopes (plastic windows okay)
- Manila envelopes & folders
- Index cards

Cardboard and Paperboard

- Cardboard boxes
- Cereal boxes, cookie boxes, etc

Mail/Newsprint/Flyers

- Magazines, pamphlets
- Glossy paper, posters
- Junk mail
- Newspaper

Other Paper

- Hardcover & paperback books & telephone books
- Paper bags

Trash

Do not recycle the following:

Paper/Cardboard:

- Pizza boxes*, paper plates*, paper egg cartons*, napkins, paper towels, tissues
- Waxed paper, waxed paper cups
- Plastic- or wax-coated paper/cardboard
- Glossy/cardboard cartons
- Metal lined shelf-stable "aseptic" containers (e.g. milk, soup, broth)

Cans / Bottles:

Rinse all containers. Only food & indoor household products should be recycled. Metal lids are okay; plastic lids only when re-attached to plastic bottles/jars.

Glass: Bottles and jars, all colors

Metal:

- Aluminum cans (e.g. soda cans)
- Steel/Tin cans & their lids
- Aerosol cans. E.g.:
 - Whipped cream, non-stick spray cans
 - Household cleaning products

Plastic: All plastic bottles and jars, numbered #1 – #7, emptied and rinsed well

- Soda and water bottles
- Juice bottles, milk and juice jugs
- Peanut butter jars
- Shampoo bottles
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Bottles/jars with screw-top lids

Glass:

- All glass except for bottles and jars

Metal:

- All metal other than bottles and cans
- Aluminum to-go containers & foil*

Plastic:

- Containers that are not bottles or jars
 - Yogurt & butter containers, deli containers, fruit containers, etc.
 - Plastic cups
 - Any container that is stackable
 - Plastic utensils, plates
 - Pumps/sprayers (remove from bottles)
- Plastic with no recycling number
 - Plastic wrap, liners, bubble wrap, food and product wrappers or packages

Other Recycling:

Batteries

- Alkaline batteries should be recycled in the bins available in laundry rooms or common rooms of most dorms/residential colleges.
- For rechargeable, lithium, and other batteries, please see website.

Plastic Bags

- Most supermarkets have bins to recycle plastic bags. Otherwise, they should be placed in the trash. Alternatively, bring your own canvas bags.

Ink and Toner Cartridges (from laser or ink-jet printers)

- Bins are available in most computer clusters.

Electronics/Computers, Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs), Old Clothing, Hazardous Materials/Chemicals, and Other Items

- See website.

Other Trash:

- Food waste, food-contaminated containers or paper/cardboard
- Lightbulbs (see website for CFLs)
- Ceramics, China
- Styrofoam
- Any containers that are not for indoor/household use
 - Paint/spraypaint, motor-oil, pesticides, hazardous chemicals, etc.

* Can be recycled ONLY if completely clean of food waste

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Recycling is much better for the environment than trash, but it still uses energy. Buy products with less packaging and reuse items whenever possible rather than buying something new.