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**January 29th – April 8th**

**Recyclemania** is a friendly recycling competition between colleges to increase recycling and decrease waste generated on campuses. This competition will help raise awareness among students and faculty about the potential to reduce trash production and increase recycling participation.

- RecycleMania began in February 2001 when two students at Miami University and Ohio University decided to pit their schools against each other in a recycling competition. Miami University won the first year, and the idea caught on quick. The competition grew from there. Last year 47 schools participated. This year 65 have registered.
- RecycleMania has been featured in articles in publications such as the New York Times, the Boston Globe, Waste Age, Waste News, and many local newspapers.

Recyclemania at Princeton is sponsored by Greening Princeton and Jon Baer, Director, Building Services

The Recyclemania competition consists of three contests:

- Recycling the most per person: "The Per Capita Classic"
- Producing the least waste per person: "Waste Minimization"
- Performing the best in the above two categories: "The Grand Champion"

During the 10-week competition, schools will report how much they recycle and throw out by weighing their waste haulers. Recyclemania posts weekly results so you can track how Princeton is doing!

### **Easy ways to reduce waste:**

- Remove yourself from junk mail lists
- Print and copy double-sided
- Bring reusable mugs when getting drinks to go
- Bring your own bag when shopping
- Buy goods with minimal packaging and/or in bulk
- Filter your tap water instead of buying bottled water

**If you need a recycling container in your room or building, call Building Services at 8-3490.**

### **Facts from the National Recycling Coalition:**

- Producing a product from recycled aluminum requires 95% less energy than producing it from raw materials. Similarly, producing steel from recycled materials saves 60%, recycled newspaper 40%, recycled plastics 70%, and recycled glass 40%.
- A national recycling rate of 30% reduces greenhouse gas emissions as much as removing nearly 25 million cars from the road.
- Recycling one ton of steel conserves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone.
- Wars over natural resources, including timber and minerals, have killed or displaced more than 20 million. Recycling eases the demand for the resources.
- An average of 40 mine workers are killed on the job each day, making mining the world's most deadly occupation. Recycling reduces the need for mining.
- Residence halls and dining halls are the largest producers of campus waste—from 30 to 70 percent of campus trash. Data from waste audits conducted at these buildings suggest that up to half of all residence hall trash is recyclable.

## What can be recycled at Princeton:

### Paper Products

*[Place in black containers labeled 'recycled paper only' in all dorms]*

- Newspapers
- Phone Books
- Magazines
- Pamphlets
- Cardboard boxes
- Paper board
- Posters
- Computer paper
- Envelopes (all types)
- Brown paper bags
- Colored paper

### Glass – Aluminum – Plastic

*[Place in recycling barrels in dorms or green barrels in dumpster areas]*

- #1 and #2 plastic
- Glass bottles/jars
- Beer cans
- Juice containers
- Aluminum cans
- Soda cans/bottles
- Detergent bottles
- Milk containers

(Please rinse these out!!)

Note: batteries (alkaline and NiCad) must recycled in separate battery-recycling containers

## What cannot be recycled:

- Pizza boxes
- Waxed paper
- Paper towels
- Food wrappers
- Plastic cups
- Light bulbs
- Napkins
- Tissues
- Paper/plastic/styrofoam plates
- Plastic utensils
- Yogurt/margarine/sour cream/cottage cheese containers
- Aluminum foil

## Participating Schools

Allegheny College  
Amherst College  
Birmingham-Southern College  
BOSTON COLLEGE  
Bowdoin College  
Brigham Young University  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
Cal State San Marcos  
Carnegie Mellon  
Clark University  
Clemson University  
Colby College  
College of Charleston  
Colorado State University  
Connecticut College  
Dartmouth College  
Dickinson College  
Duke University  
Eastern Illinois University  
Goucher College  
Grinnell College

Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Ithaca College  
Kalamazoo College  
Keene State College  
Miami University  
Millersville University  
Missouri State University  
MIT  
Mount Holyoke College  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Ohio University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oregon State University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Portland State University  
Princeton University  
Rhode Island School of design  
Rutgers, University of New Jersey  
Saint Xavier University  
The College of St. Scholastica  
The Johns Hopkins University  
The Ohio State University  
The University of South Dakota

The University of Tennessee  
Tufts University  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Davis  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Michigan  
UNC at Chapel Hill  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina,  
Columbia  
University of Vermont  
Utah State University  
Villanova University  
Washington State University  
Washington University in St.  
Louis  
Western Michigan University  
Winthrop University  
Yale University  
Youngstown State  
University

