**Recycling Specifications**

**Recycling, or Co-Mingled Recycling (typically a blue label or container)**

\*These containers take most of our recycling. Instead of sorting each individual kind of recycling (plastic, metals, paper) we typically use a single stream recycling method, as a catch all, to simplify our recycling practices.

Items that can go in these containers include:

**Plastics**

• bottles

• milk cartons

\***No other plastics whatsoever**; plastic bags, cups, films, stretchy plastics, “crinkly” plastics, or food wrappers (such as candy wrappers or chip bags)

**Metals**

• Aluminum and tin food containers such as soup cans, or soda cans.

**Paper**

• Any kind of paper

o Office paper

o Newspaper

o Magazines

o Folders

o Paperboard (such as cereal boxes)

o Even Paperback books

**\*No paper towels, napkins or tissues please**!

**Cardboard**

• Corrugated cardboard

o Shipping boxes

o CLEAN pizza boxes (greasy pizza box parts can go in Compost!)

\***Please break down all boxes. In Residence Halls, please place on ground under Cardboard sign!**

**Glass** (typically a red label or container)

It is very important for glass to be separated out into its own container for the safety of our staff.

• Brown, clear, green (any color!) can all go in the same container.

o Unbroken glass is preferred (it’s a safety hazard for our staff if it is broken).

**\*No mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics, or window glass please!**

**Compost (typically a little green bucket, or green tote)**

In Academic and office buildings these are often in break rooms (typically under sinks near a coffee pot), or near the recycling receptacles in hallways. Residence Halls typically have one per kitchen space.

\*If you would like a Compost bucket for yourself (if you live in South Hall or off-campus) you are welcome to take one from the AUC dish location.

• Food waste, including:

o Food scraps: fruits or vegetables only

o Flowers, or other plants

o Coffee grounds and filters

o Food contaminated paper, such as napkins, to-go boxes (from the commons, no Styrofoam containers), and greasy pizza boxes

o Paper plates and cups (including to-go coffee cups, please take off plastic lids and throw them in the trash separately!)

**\*\*No metal, plastic, glass, or Styrofoam please!**

Special Collection (these items will need to be picked up by Waste Diversion Staff)

• Batteries

• Light bulbs

• Styrofoam

• Packing peanuts

\*If you are in a Residence Hall, please place Styrofoam next to cardboard area neatly. Packing peanuts must be placed in their own bag (such as a plastic grocery bag, or even an unbroken down box) and placed with cardboard!

**Trash (sometimes referred to as Landfill, large green totes, or dumpsters for Residence Halls)**

• Anything not listed above. Some common items that are placed in recycling but are actually trash are:

o Styrofoam food containers

o Tissues

o Food wrappers (candy wrappers, chip bags, crinkly plastic wrapping, condiment packets)

o Plastic Utensils

**Any questions or concern regarding recycling at PLU please contact the Waste Diversion Department, recycle@plu.edu, 253-535-7170**