

# How Do I Recycle?

**STUDENTS:** Use the blue or green bins in your room to collect all recyclables and sort recyclables into central recycle bins at hall recycle areas.

**EMPLOYEES:** Use the gray desk-side bin to collect paper. Sort tin, aluminum, labeled 1 thru 7 plastic, glass bottles/jars, and newspaper into recycle bins at central building recycle stations.

## Co-Mingled Paper

### YES:

- Computer Paper
- Notebook Paper
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes)

One way you can reduce the amount of paper you use is to email or use other electronic tools for conveying information. It's the right thing to do!

### NO:

- Napkins/Tissue
- Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Candy Wrappers
- Milk Cartons
- Corrugated Cardboard

If half of all the world's paper were recycled, 20 million acres of forest land would be left standing. Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle your paper.

## Corrugated Cardboard

- Boxes
- Brown paper bags
- Clean pizza boxes
- Recycle paper board, i.e. cereal and soda boxes, with mixed paper, NOT with cardboard
- THROW AWAY plastic liners
- Compost Food Items

Over 75% of cardboard boxes are made into new boxes!

### DID YOU KNOW?

PLU recycles over 156 tons of paper each year. This saves 1,950 trees from being cut down, 63,000 gallons of oil being used, and over 4,512 cubic feet of landfill space.

**For more information, please contact the Environmental Services Coordinator at x7385.**

## Aluminum/Tin

- Metal beverages/food containers
- Remove all labels-you know-corn, beans, etc.
- **RINSE 'EM OUT**

A recycled aluminum can is typically re-manufactured and back in the store within 6 weeks! Imagine!

## Glass/Plastic

### GLASS

- Beverage and food containers
- Brown, clear, green bottles and jars
- Unbroken
- **RINSE 'EM OUT**, please
- **THROW AWAY** lids
- NO mirrors, light bulbs, ceramic, or window glass (These types of glass have different properties than bottles or jars and do not mix together well when re-manufacturing into new products.)

Recycled glass may be re-manufactured into new jars or bottles, or it can be used in asphalt pavement, fiberglass insulation, or crushed, as an abrasive, in sandblasting.

### PLASTIC

- Only plastic stamped on the bottoms with a 1 thru 7
- Clean plastic bags
- Wax-coated milk cartons and juice boxes
- **THROW AWAY** Lids

Are you an average American? If so, 1/3 of your garbage is packaging waste. Break out of the mold and purchase products sold with less packaging. Demand less packaging from your grocer.



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# FYI: Other Materials

The PLU campus is a mini "city" with a government, a safety department, schools, residences, gas station, vehicle maintenance shop, carpenters, plumbers, recreational facilities, newspaper, print shop, and of course, waste management facilities to name a few components.

Given our various functions, the PLU community generates many "non-traditional" waste streams as a part of doing business, some of which we recycle. There may be opportunities for you also to recycle the following materials either on or off campus. Call Environmental Services at x7385 or the state hotline at 1-800-RECYCLE for more information. Please, Please! Do NOT "gift" us with these surprise materials without making arrangements with Environmental Services.

- Compost "Food, Coffee Grounds"
- Packing Peanuts
- Used Motor Oil
- Used Antifreeze
- Refrigerators
- Televisions
- Sofas/Chairs
- Carpets
- Automotive Batteries
- Books
- Pre-Consumer Food
- Gypsum Wallboard
- Flashlight Batteries
- Aerosol Cans
- Textiles
- Bulk Metals
- Wood
- Paint
- Phone Books
- Toner Cartridges
- Concrete
- Ferrous Metals
- Brass, Copper, Aluminum Scrap Metal

