

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Acceptable for recycling

Not acceptable for recycling

Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard boxes – **please flatten and remove all plastic**



Think *before* you recycling -

1. How can I **reduce** my use
2. Can it be **reused**
3. Am I **recycling** this correctly - Avoid ***Wishful Recycling!***

Mixed Paper

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, computer paper, junk mail, cereal/other paperboard boxes (flatten) and paper bags



NO Plastic Bags

Plastic bags become tangled in machinery at recycling facilities, causing damage.

(Some UMW residence halls **require** recycling to be bagged - view guidelines here)



Clean Steel and Aluminum Cans/foil/pie tins

Empty and rinse. Aluminum beverage cans, Metal cans, including food and beverage cans. Place the lid back in the can.



NO Foam Products or Carryout Packaging

Including cups, takeout boxes, and packaging materials (like peanuts).



Clean Kitchen, Laundry, Bath Bottles and Containers

Milk and juice jugs, soda & water bottles, shampoo bottles; detergent bottles.
Containers with #1- #7 will be accepted. Butter tubs, yogurt sour cream, clear clamshells, berry baskets, prescription bottles, etc.
Empty, rinse, crush, and replace cap before disposal.

No loose caps or containers of loose caps are accepted. The cap needs to be placed back on the bottle or carton to be recycled.



NO Food-contaminated items

No greasy pizza boxes
No dirty cans/bottles
No dirty aluminum foil
No used napkins/paper towels.

Food residue contaminates the materials and makes items unrecyclable.



<p>*Clean* Bottles and Jars</p> <p>Clear, blue, brown & green food & beverage glass containers. Remove and discard metal caps/lids, then empty and rinse before recycling.</p>	<p><i>Metal caps/lids are not accepted.</i></p> 	<p><u>NO Hazardous Waste Containers</u></p> <p>No flammables, motor oil, paint, pesticides, or batteries are accepted.</p>	
<p>*Clean* Food and Beverage Cartons</p> <p>Plastic-coated cardboard Milk, juice, soup, creamers. Empty, rinse, crush and replace plastic caps before recycling.</p>		<p><u>NO Tangles</u></p> <p>No hoses, wires, chains or shredded paper.</p> <p><i>No electronics</i> are accepted.</p>	

For guidance on recycling in *Residence Halls* click [here](#)

For additional questions on recycling, please email sustainability@umw.edu