



RU Single Stream Recycling?

• Paper and Cardboard Products

All types of paper and cardboard products of any color may be recycled and can be mixed together for recycling. Examples include computer paper, drawings, shredded paper, office or notebook paper, manila paper, bound or paper back books, magazines junk mail, envelopes, and all corrugated cardboard such as backs of notepads, flaked cardboard trays, pizza boxes, and notebooks (even plastic or leather). *Paper towels are not recyclable!*

• Metal Cans

Both aluminum and steel (tin) food and beverage cans are recyclable. **They do not have to be rinsed to be placed in bins, but they must be empty.**

• Glass

Any color glass beverage or food container can be recycled, and **they do not have to be rinsed clean to be recycled.** Items that are *not acceptable are:* light bulbs, laboratory glass, glass shelving, auto glass, dishes, or window glass.

• Plastic Containers

All plastic containers 1 - 7 may be recycled. The symbol **Δ** is normally located on the container bottom. Typically these plastics are used for milk, soft drinks, water bottles and detergent containers. All plastic bottle caps may be recycled.

Additional Recyclables:

Departments can recycle various materials including polystyrene packing materials (packing peanuts, Styrofoam), lead and nickel cadmium batteries, concrete, laboratory chemicals, scrap metal, textiles and more. If you are not sure, contact us!

FACTS & FIGURES

Thanks to all our efforts as members of the university community, Rutgers has one of the most successful recycling programs in the nation.

- We recycled over 20,000 tons of our solid waste last year.
- Our recycling program resulted in the reduction/savings of:
 - ◊ 7,494 metric tons of carbon equivalent introduced into the atmosphere which is the equivalent of removing 4,500 cars from the road for one year (based on CO2E annually emitted per car)
 - ◊ 2,683 barrels of oil
 - ◊ 14,825 Mature Trees
- It cost s \$64 /ton to dispose of waste in a landfill
- It cost nothing to recycle comingled paper and cardboard products.



What is RecycleMania?

RecycleMania is a friendly international competition among college and university recycling programs that provides campus communities with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction. Over a ten week period, campuses compete in different categories to determine which institution can collect the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita and the highest recycling rate. Rutgers University has won the Gorilla Prize for Recycling for eight consecutive years...2007 through 2014!

What can you do to help Rutgers win?

Recycle!!! Clean out your desk, office and any storage areas that you may be responsible for and recycle!!! To help promote RecycleMania, if you have a large amount of material contact us at 848-445-3767 to help with removal.

QUESTIONS? CALL

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Re-using products saves budget dollars and reduces waste

- Rutgers Environmental Health and Safety Department (REHS) sponsors an unused **chemical exchange program** to reduce chemical waste and save your departmental funds.
- Reuse those expensive specialized envelopes you receive in the mail by putting your own label over the originator's label.
- Share news papers and magazines.
- Recycle your cell phones at all Student Centers.

RECOVER REUSE REDUCE

Buying and using recycled products made from recycled materials is great for the demand and our economy!

- Use double-sided printing and copying.
- Use e-mail instead of paper mail.
- Use e-mail for university wide mailings.
- Use recycled content paper.
- Avoid using over packaged products.
- Require vendors to take away packaging materials when purchasing equipment.
- Buy the largest sized packages of items when and where possible.
- Ensure your colleagues have not received their own copy before you make any copies.
- Remove your name from junk mailing lists by writing to the sender.

Questions concerning RU Recycling?

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