



The Campus Green: Special Recycling Edition

Welcome Back Campus Community!

The Office of Environmental, Health and Safety hopes everyone had a great summer, and would like to offer a special welcome to the Class of 2018! This “Special Recycling Edition” of “The Campus Green” newsletter offers us an opportunity to introduce or reacquaint the campus community to the recycling practices and procedures here on campus.

A Brief History

In June of 2012, the State of Rhode Island officially launched its new recycling program “Recycle Together RI”. The new program brought about several changes, including a 16.9 million dollar Materials Recycling Facility (MRF), the newest addition to the RI Resource Recovery Corporation’s facility in Johnston, RI. The new MRF is the most advanced in the country, as it uses a combination of manual, mechanical, and optical

sorting technologies to handle 50 tons of recyclables every hour! In addition, the MRF allows for a new single-bin system, which allows residents to continue to utilize their same recycling bins, but may place any recyclable item into any bin.

The new system also allows for more items to be recycled, specifically various types of plastics that were not previously accepted. Newly acceptable plastic items include plastic jars and tubs, plastic take out containers, iced coffee cups, yogurt containers, and plastic egg cartons. To properly recycle such items, empty and rinse before placing into recycling bins. For a complete list of accepted items, just check the back page of this newsletter.

Campus Recycling Basics

So how do these changes affect the recycling process here at PC? Up

until recently, recyclables were always separated into 2 bins: “Paper Only” and “Bottles and Cans”. All totes were labeled as such. With these new policy changes, we are now able to mix all recyclables in the same tote! So, all mixed paper, bottles, cans, and newly listed plastic items, can now be recycled in the same tote! (Note: most totes are now labeled “Mixed Recyclables”. If not, pay no attention: new labels reading “Mixed Recyclables” will be applied soon.)



Campus Connections

Student Move-Out Numbers Are In!

2800 lbs. of
food were do-
nated to the
Rhode Island
Food Bank



3000 lbs. of
clothing were
donated to the
St. Vincent De
Paul Society

Thank you to all those
who contributed!
Your generosity is
much appreciated.

Contact Us!

Call:

(401) 865-1881

Email:

recycle@providence.edu

Website:

[www.providence.edu/
recycling](http://www.providence.edu/recycling)



Student Recycling

PC tries its best to have recycling bins wherever they may be needed. From your classroom to your dorm room, you should never be far from a recycling bin.

In your dorms there are large blue, green, or gray recycling totes labeled "Mixed Recyclables" where you can recycle your bottles/cans and paper recyclables. (Keep your recyclables separate from the trash!) These totes are usually found in the nearest trash room.

Academic buildings also have separate receptacles for recyclables and trash, and are typically located in common areas such as lobbies, hallways, or near vending machines. If you are in a classroom and need to recycle a bottle/can or some paper, and there is not a recycling blue bin present, please

do not throw it in the trash. Instead, please find a nearby Recycling Receptacle and put your item there.

Cardboard

Students should break down and flatten any corrugated cardboard boxes that they wish to recycle and place them in the trash room of their residence hall, on the floor, near a recycling tote, but not in the trash barrels!

Miscellaneous Items

PC also recycles misc. items such as batteries, CD's, old cell phones, used ink cartridges, etc. There are two locations available to drop off these items. One is the Recycle Center directly across from Dunkin Donuts in the Slavin Center. The other is the portable Recycling Center located in the side entrance elevator lobby of Accinno Hall.

Outdoor Recycling

PC has strategically placed outdoor recycling receptacles at various locations around the campus. (More are coming soon!) Please be sure to use them when in transit. Here are some of the locations:

- Side entrance to Albertus Magnus
- Back entrance to Harkins Hall
- Front entrance to Harkins Hall
- Side entrance to Harkins Hall
- Glass door entrance to the Slavin Center
- Front entrance to Concannon Fitness Center
- Entrance to the Lennon Field
- Front entrance to Aquinas on the quad
- Front entrance to Moore Hall
- Front entrance to the Smith Center for the Arts
- On Huxley Ave, lower campus side (near gate)
- Front of The Friar Buyer (behind Davis)
- Courtyard behind St. Catherine of Siena
- Top of the stairs behind Raymond Hall
- Outdoor patio area to the right of Slavin Center Entrance
- In Front of the Security Office
- At the Corner of the Dominican Cemetery



Faculty / Staff Recycling



Mixed Recyclables

All offices should contain a small blue bin for recycling mixed recyclables. These bins are typically located near trash bins. Accepted items include glass containers, paper, plastic containers and bottles, and metal cans. (If you do not have a recycling bin in your office, please contact us at recycle@providence.edu or Ext. 1881.) You can also use recycling receptacles located in lobbies and common areas to recycle while in transit.

Cardboard

Please break down and flatten any boxes you wish to get rid of and place next to your blue paper recycling bin, or put them in the hall outside your door. The cleaning company will take the cardboard out separately for recycling.

Office Clean-Outs

Are you doing an office clean-out? Instead of throwing away all that paper, we can provide you with large rolling paper totes to recycle all of your paper.

Please call the Recycling Program at Ext. 1881 and we will deliver you a paper recycling tote. When you've finished, just give us a call, and we will have someone come pick it up for you.

For more information on how, what, and where to recycle on campus or in your dorms, visit our website www.providence.edu/recycling, call the Recycling Hotline at x1881, or email us at recycle@providence.edu.

WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE
REMOVE METAL LIDS
+ RECYCLE BOTH



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take-out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS
NO STYROFOAM

PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- egg cartons
- shredded paper in clear plastic bags only **NEW**

NO REFRIGERATED
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH CANS
NEW NO SCRAP METAL
NEW NO WIRE HANGERS



CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE
NO JUICE POUCHES
OR STRAWS



There is so much more you can recycle. Don't worry about the #'s or triangles. Recycle ALL plastic containers 2 gallons or smaller.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts at RecycleTogetherRI.org