



EVANSTON CAMPUS

Northwestern University recycles more than 1,200 tons each year.
Help us continue this success!

NU RECYCLING

WHY ALL THE BLUE BINS?

Blue bins are provided for recycling; please do not use them for garbage. If you need a recycling bin or bin labels, contact NU Recycling. For a trash can, contact your department office.

Two separate mixes of recyclables are collected:

PAPER/CARDBOARD and **CANS/GLASS/PLASTIC**.

PAPER/CARDBOARD ▶ Designated desk-side & central bins

ACCEPTABLE:

- ✓ Brochures & flyers
- ✓ White & colored paper
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Magazines & catalogs
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Envelopes (all colors & windowed)
- ✓ Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Paper bags

Please flatten all boxes & place in or next to a paper bin.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- ⊗ Food Wrappers
- ⊗ Paper cups or plates
- ⊗ Paper towels, napkins or tissues
- ⊗ Laminated paper & stickers
- ⊗ Hardcover books
- ⊗ Hanging file folders
- ⊗ Laminated paper and stickers

CANS/GLASS/PLASTIC ▶ Designated central bins

ACCEPTABLE:

- ✓ Aluminum & steel cans
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars
- ✓ Plastic containers **#1 - #5** (includes bottles & jugs, yogurt cups & tubs, grocery containers & 6-pack rings)
- ✓ Aluminum foil & trays
- ✓ Aseptic packaging (drink boxes, milk & juice cartons, etc.)

Please empty all containers.

NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- ⊗ Plastic bags
- ⊗ #6 plastic (aka polystyrene or Styrofoam)
- ⊗ #7 plastics
- ⊗ Items contaminated by lab waste
- ⊗ Paint or aerosol cans
- ⊗ Ceramics or drinking glasses

WHY RECYCLE?

- Recycling one aluminum can saves the equivalent energy of operating a television set for 3 hours and recycling two aluminum cans saves the equivalent of powering a PC for one workday.
 - If the aluminum cans thrown away in the United States in a recent year had been recycled, it would have saved enough energy to generate electricity for 2.7 million homes for that year.
 - Recycling a glass jar saves the equivalent energy for lighting a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
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- Every ton of paper recycled saves enough energy to heat and air condition the average American home for at least six months.
 - Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12-foot wall from New York to Los Angeles.
 - If every U.S. newspaper were recycled, 250 million trees would be saved each year.

A GREENER OFFICE

Recycling is a fundamental part of green office operations but there are other things you can do as well:

- recycle laser & ink jet cartridges
- recycle all computers, printers and peripherals
- consult the Sustainable Office Checklist for additional ways to green your office
- check out "Sustainable You," NU Recycling's green living guide

Go to the NU recycling web site to learn more, northwestern.edu/fm/operations/recycling, and select "Additional Resources."

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Reduce waste

- Proof documents on the computer instead of printing numerous drafts.
- Use dual-sided copying whenever possible.
- Eliminate disposables whenever possible and don't buy Styrofoam.
- Purchase long-lasting products.
- Reevaluate quantities needed for reports and publications or consider electronic versions instead of print.

Reuse supplies

- Use a reusable mug or water bottle.
- Reuse file folders and corrugated boxes.
- Use the back of used paper or obsolete forms for scratch pads and drafts.

Recycle and buy recycled

- Call 7-1374 if you need a recycling bin. Blue bins are provided for recycling; please do not use them for garbage. If you need a trash can, contact your department office.
- Buy refurbished or recycled-content products. Look for a high percentage of post-consumer content — "post-consumer" materials have reached their end use and been collected from homes and businesses as opposed to scrap from within the manufacturing process.

Printed on recycled content paper.