

Recycling at Northwestern

Northwestern University recycles more than 2,500 tons of materials each year. Help us continue this success. **Recycle more. Waste less.**

Blue Recycling Bin

Blue bins are provided for recycling paper, cardboard, cans, glass, and plastic.

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic #1 - #5 (e.g. bottles, jugs, yogurt cups/tubs, 6-pack rings)
- Aluminum foil and trays
- Drink boxes, milk or juice cartons
- Office paper
- Brochures and flyers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Junk mail
- Newspaper
- Envelopes
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
- Cardboard



Other Recycling

To recycle other items such as electronics, batteries, ink cartridges, and scrap metal, or to learn about reuse and composting options, contact the Office of Sustainability.

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847-467-1374
northwestern.edu/recycle

Landfill (Not Recyclable)

- Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- Paper cups
- Greasy or dirty cardboard or paper
- Food wrappers
- Plastic bags and film
- #6 plastic (Styrofoam)
- #7 plastic
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Laminated paper/stickers

