

Recycling at Northwestern

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

What goes in recycling bins?

Paper and cardboard

- Office paper
- Cardboard
- Brochures and flyers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Junk mail
- Newspaper
- Envelopes
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Drink boxes
- Milk or juice cartons
- Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes)

Cans and foil

- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aluminum foil and trays

Glass



- Glass bottles and jars

Plastic

- Plastic containers #1 – #5 (e.g. bottles, jugs, yogurt cups/tubs, 6-pack rings)



What goes in trash bins (landfill)?

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



Other recycling

To learn how to recycle other items such as electronics, batteries, and ink cartridges, or to learn about composting, go to northwestern.edu/recycle.



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