What to Recycle

Recycling will take only a few minutes out of your schedule, but will have a profound impact on the environment.

**MIXED PAPER**
White and colored paper  
Notebook paper  
Magazines  
Newspapers  
Junk mail and envelopes  
Post-it® Notes  
Manila folders and paper binder dividers  
Cartons (milk, juice etc...)

*Remove paper clips and tape if possible*

**NO:** Paper towels, napkins, tissues, transparencies, food

Did you know? Recycling saves 7,000 gallons of water per ton of paper produced.

**ALUMINUM/PLASTIC**
All rigid plastic containers  
Aluminum cans and steel food cans  
Clean aluminum foil  
*Please empty and rinse*

**NO:** aerosol cans, plastic bags or wrappers

Did you know? Recycling an aluminum can uses only 5% as much energy as it does to make one from raw materials.

**GLASS**
Clear and colored glass

*Glass can only be recycled in the trash rooms or the west Quad, at the Green Quad Learning Center, and at outdoor multi-sort receptacles at Woodroow, Maxcy, Capstone and West Quad.*

Did you know? Because it doesn’t degrade during recycling, glass is considered infinitely recyclable.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD**
Flattened corrugated cardboard (thick with ridges and grooves) and paperboard

*Stack next to recycling center mixed paper bin*

**NO:** Pizza boxes with food on them, waxy paperboard

Did you know? USC makes $100 per ton of recycled cardboard; we would have to pay to put it in a landfill.

**BATTERIES and SMALL ELECTRONICS**
Collection tubes are located in most academic buildings and residence halls.

**FAQs About Recycling**

**Why is recycling different in different buildings?**
We are currently working towards switching all of our recycling bins on campus to the mixed-recycling garnet and black bins you see in the library and Women’s Quad. Due to the large scale and cost of the transition, it will take at least 5 years to standardize all of our bins across campus.

**Where can I recycle plastic grocery bags?**
You can recycle bags at many retail and grocery stores including Publix, Piggly Wiggly, and Target. They are also collected during our Give It Up for Good event at the end of the Spring Semester.

**What else can I recycle?**
Almost everything! You can donate many unwanted items to the Give It Up for Good program. Most carriers will collect used cell phones and batteries in their stores, or provide you with a postage label for shipping. Printer cartridges and small electronics can be taken to stores like Best Buy, Target, and Stapes.

Please recycle this flyer or hang it on your recycling bin as a reminder of what you can recycle!