

HOW TO RECYCLE ON TULANE'S UPTOWN CAMPUS

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DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT RECYCLING AT TULANE?

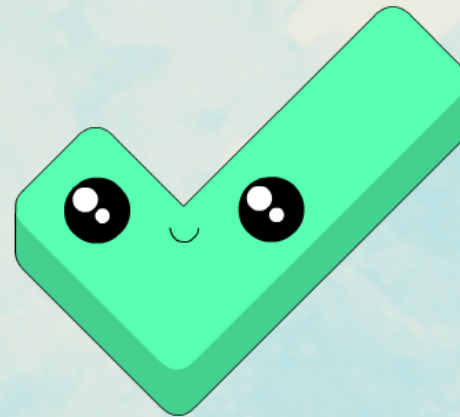
You aren't the only one-we promise! Recycling can sometimes be confusing because Tulane students come from all over the country, and different cities have different recycling policies.

This presentation will hopefully clarify any confusion or misconceptions that you might have about recycling on Tulane's Uptown campus.

CAN PAPER BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: YES!

Long Answer: All paper products, including white paper, colored paper, newspaper, magazines, folders and paperboard can be recycled on Tulane's campus. Anything from old class notes to last month's edition of Vogue can be recycled easily!

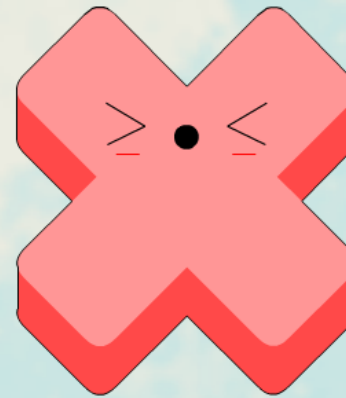


Long Answer: RJ's paper cups can't be recycled because they are wax-coated on the inside. To keep your coffee/tea from soaking through the paper. The same thing applies to wax-coated juice cartons, juice bottles, and other similar things.

SIDE NOTE: CAN PAPER PJ'S CUPS BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: Sadly, No.

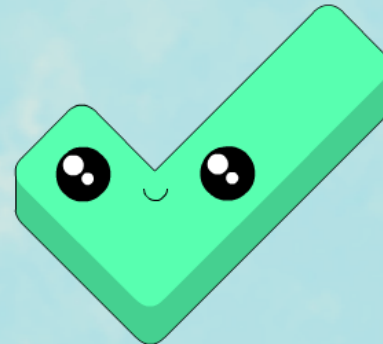
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CAN CARDBOARD BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: YES!

Long Answer: Cardboard can
(and should) be recycled!
Cardboard boxes, such as the
ones you get mail in, should be
emptied and placed in your
dorm's recycling room or, in
the case of outdoor recycling,
by the dumpsters. The boxes
will then be collected by
Facility Services and recycled.



SIDE NOTE: CAN PIZZA BOXES BE RECYCLED?

This question is a little bit trickier to answer—pizza boxes are often very greasy and have left-over food on them, which can ruin a batch of recycled materials. If you want to recycle your pizza box, tear off the non-greasy part and place it where you would normally place cardboard. The greasy part **MUST** be thrown away.



CAN PLASTIC BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: It depends.

Long Answer: The ability to recycle plastic depends what the "number" the plastic is. On Tulane's Uptown campus, we only have the ability to recycle plastics #1 and #2. This number can almost always be found on the bottom of the plastic object. Check before tossing it into a recycling bin!



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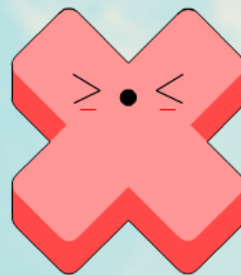
Tulane's Uptown Campus has the ability to recycle Plastics #1 and #2, which are the most commonly used plastics.

Plastic #1: PET
(Polyethylene Terephthalate)
-often found in products such as water bottles and packaging.
-when recycled, it is either turned back into more PET plastic or spun into polyester fiber, used to make textiles like clothing or carpets.

Plastic #2: HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene)
-this is the thick plastic used to make items like milk jugs, children's toys, and detergent bottles.
-considered the safest and most recyclable form of plastic
-when recycled, HDPE plastic is often turned into durable products like park benches, picnic tables, and plastic lumber.

SIDE NOTE: IS THERE FOOD ON/IN THE PLASTIC?

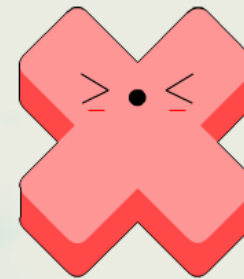
Lots of dorm room-friendly snack foods like Nutella and peanut butter come in plastic containers. But can you recycle the jars? Of course you can, but only if you rinse it thoroughly first. It is important to know that FOOD IS A CONTAMINANT. Food found in a "batch" of recyclables can render the entire batch un-recycleable.



CAN GLASS BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: Sadly, no.

Long Answer: New Orleans, and therefore Tulane, cannot recycle glass. To reduce waste from glass, consider avoiding the purchase of items and foods that come in glass containers.

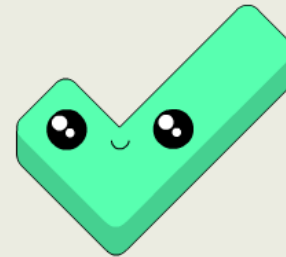


Side Note: Glass can be recycled almost everywhere else, so please continue to recycle glass while at home on school breaks.

CAN ALUMINUM BE RECYCLED?

Short Answer: YES!

Long Answer: Yes, aluminum cans can be recycled on Tulane's campus. They should be rinsed out and placed in the bottle and can recycling bins with plastic recyclables. Tin cans, like the cans that soup or canned vegetables come in, can also be recycled!



THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for watching! We hope that we've answered some questions and cleared up any misconceptions about recycling at Tulane. Thank you for recycling and helping to make the Tulane community a more sustainable one. Let's keep the wave GREEN!

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

We can be found in 107 Richardson and reached by email at recycle@tulane.edu



