

Where to Recycle

Every residence hall, apartment, or townhouse at the University of Illinois at Springfield contains at least one location for recycling. Students living on campus receive a blue bin to separate their recyclables from trash. These bins can then be used to carry recyclable items to designated areas in or near each building.

Each apartment or townhouse has its recyclable deposit location in the laundry room.

There is a recycling room on every floor of each residence hall.



Each dormitory unit will receive a 14 quart bin. Each apartment unit will receive a 28 quart bin.

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YOUR Guide to Recycling in University Housing



UIS Recycling Program

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Do You Know?...

- During the 2006-2007 academic year, UIS diverted 76.2 tons of material from the waste stream. Our goal is to divert an additional 5 tons or more.
- Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil.
- We save enough energy by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for three hours.
- Recycling steel and tin cans save 74% of the energy used to produce them.
- Making one ton of recycled paper uses only about 60% of the energy needed to make a ton of virgin paper.
- Five recycled PET bottles make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

Make Recycling a Daily Habit!

What To Recycle

Every residence hall, apartment, or townhouse has facilities for recycling **aluminum, plastic, paper** and **cardboard**.

Aluminum and Plastics

Recycle in the same bin.

Recycle: aluminum such as soft drink/ beverage cans and canned foods

Do Not Recycle: aluminum foil, foil containers, steel, aerosol cans, and paint cans (may be contaminated).

Recycle: plastic containers of all types **except type "#6."** Look on the bottom of the container for the number!

Do Not Recycle: items made of plastic type "#6" (polystyrene), plastic foam peanuts, styrofoam, plastic bags or plastic film.



Mixed Paper

Recycle: most types of paper, including office paper, colored paper, magazines, newspapers, junkmail, computer printouts, wrapping paper, and brochures. If possible, remove glue, tape, or paper clips from the paper. Staples do not need to be removed.



Corrugated Cardboard

Recycle: flattened corrugated cardboard. Stack it near the mixed paper bin. (Corrugated cardboard is the thick type with ridges and grooves, i.e. shipping boxes.)

Do Not Recycle: the part of pizza boxes contaminated by food.

Glass

Because of local market and transportation issues, as well as inherent dangers involved with handling glass, we can not recycle any glass products at this time.

Special Recycling Events

Cardboard Corrals

(Opening week)

At the beginning of each year, look for signs around the residence halls for the "cardboard corral." These areas help manage the large amounts of cardboard recycled during the move-in process. During move-in, students should utilize this area instead of the regular recycling location.

"Take It or Leave It" Program

(End of the each semester)

During the last few weeks of each semester, boxes are set up in every residential area for students to donate unwanted food, clothing and appliances. These boxes usually overflow with donations, not only lightening the load for students but also saving money on waste removal. Items are donated to local charities.

Clean-Up Days

(as needed)

Throughout the year, many residence halls and organizations on campus plan clean-up days for their buildings, grounds or other sections of campus. Students interested in planning a clean-up day or starting a beautification campaign should bring the idea to their Housing Residents' Council member for discussion.

