

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Recycling not only reduces waste and landfill fees, it also lowers energy, water and primary raw material requirements. SUNY Potsdam will continue to recycle solid waste such as paper, plastic, metal and glass products and assess the feasibility of recycling other solid waste as well.

Recyclable Materials

Paper: Computer and office paper, newspapers & inserts, catalogs, "junk mail", books & publications including phone books and paperbacks, paper grocery bags, cereal boxes and other food boxes.

Plastic: "Pourable" plastic bottles and jugs. Recycle all containers with a 1, 2, or 3 recycling number on the container.

Metal: "Tin" food cans, aluminum cans, foil & pans, aerosol spray cans (spent), bottle and jar caps and lids, small metal items.

Glass: Bottles & jars, clear, green, and brown.

Where do I take my recyclables?

There are large recycling containers for paper, plastic, metal and glass on each dormitory floor. Each student room in the Residence Halls at SUNY Potsdam has been supplied with a recycling container to collect recyclable materials. When your student room container is full, simply empty it into the larger container on the floor. The custodial staff will pick up recycled paper (blue containers) in the academic buildings.

How to recycle

Rinse away all residue. Remove and recycle metal caps/lids. It is not necessary to remove labels or metal or plastic rings. Crush large cans, plastic bottles and jugs to the best of your ability. **DO NOT** crush glass bottles or jars. Remove all plastic and metal items from paper recyclables (except staples & envelope windows). Flatten all non-corrugated boxes. Place all corrugated boxes next to paper recycling container. Place all paper, glass, metal and plastic in the appropriate recycling containers.

Non-Recyclable Items

Items containing any liquid or solid residue, window and plate glass, mirrors, light bulbs, plastic bags/wrap/etc., heat resistant ovenware/ceramic dishes/ clay pots/etc., foam cups, foam trays, packing peanuts, **Sharps** (needles, syringes, razors). *See Special Disposal Procedures below.

*Special Disposal Procedures: To protect our employees, please place sharps in a puncture-resistant container (capped detergent bottle), label it "Needles" or "Sharps" and place in clear plastic bag with rest of trash.