

Single Stream Recycling is coming to UNH campus wide!

The Facilities Division along with departmental representatives from the Sustainability Institute, Housing, Residential Life, Dining Services and our business partner, Waste Management will be implementing single stream recycling **campus wide** effective **Monday, January 21, 2013**. Some campus buildings have been in a trial single stream recycling program since August 15, 2011. The recycling rate has increased for those buildings participating in the trial.

Single stream recycling allows plastics, aluminum, cardboard and paper to be co-mingled for collection and removal from campus. Sorting will take place off site. The goal is to make recycling so easy everyone will participate! Single stream recycling has proven to be very successful in other municipalities and educational institutions.

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

Container preparation

*** Remove all plastic bags** *Remove any non-acceptable items *Corrugated cardboard should be broken down so it fits inside the container without jamming, so the cart will empty completely *All containers (jars, bottles, cartons, etc.) must be rinsed and free of all contaminants *Remove and discard all corks, tops, rings, metal bottleneck wraps, and unacceptable items *Flatten containers whenever possible.

Mixed Paper

Examples include:

- *Mail and envelopes (windows are OK)
 - *Magazines and catalogs *Paper bags
 - *Writing or ledger paper *Fax paper
 - *Paperback books *Greeting cards
 - *Computer paper
 - *Wrapping paper
 - *Shredded paper
- (Place in paper bag)

Items **not acceptable** include:

- *Paper towels, facial tissues, napkins
- *Cigarette packs
- *Candy wrappers
- *Waxed or plastic-coated paper
- *Wrapping tissue paper
- *Foil wrapping paper

Thin cardboard

Examples include:

Items **not acceptable** include:

- *Shoe boxes
- *Cereal boxes
- *Boxes with silver or foil coating
- *Gift boxes
- *Cake mix boxes
- *Anything dirty, greasy or plastic-coated
- *Pasta boxes
- *Paper egg cartons
- *Toilet paper rolls
- *Tissue boxes
- *Frozen food boxes
- *Toothpaste boxes
- *Soda or beer packaging
- *Soap or laundry detergent boxes

Corrugated cardboard

Examples include:

- * Boxes and other corrugated cardboard should be flattened and folded so they fit in the cart.
- *Pizza boxes (with greasy liner removed)

Items **not acceptable** include

- *Dirty or greasy cardboard

Tin/aluminum, scrap metal

Examples include:

- *Aluminum and tin cans
- *Foil and pie plates
- *Wire clothes hangers

Items **not acceptable** include

- *Scrap metal
- *Paint cans
- *Hypodermic needles (Please contact Health Department for proper disposal information)

Glass bottles and jars

Examples include:

- * Mayonnaise jars
- *Salsa jar
- *Wine bottles
- *Baby food jars
- *Beer bottles
- *Vinegar bottles
- *Applesauce jars
- *Spaghetti sauce jars

Items **not acceptable** include

- *Broken glass
- *Cups, dishes, glass windows, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal

Plastic bottles, jugs and containers

This includes all rigid plastic containers with symbols 1 through 7 on the bottom; examples include:

Items **not acceptable** include

- *Plastic shopping bags
- *Plastic food wrap, potato chip

- * Soda and juice bottles *Shampoo bottles and sandwich bags
- *Salad dressing bottles *Window cleaner *Styrofoam
- *Milk jugs *Saline solution bottle *Automotive fluid bottles (oil,
- *Detergent bottles * Fabric softener or antifreeze, brake fluid)
- *Juice bottles bleach bottles

Milk cartons, drink boxes

Examples include:

Items **not acceptable** include

- * Milk and juice cartons
- * Juice boxes
- *Flavored milk boxes
- * Cream and creamer containers

- *Ice cream boxes
- *TV dinner containers
- *Margarine boxes
- *Cream cheese boxes



For more information:

<http://www.thinkgreen.com/recyclables?ref=bc>

<http://www.thinkgreen.com/recycle-what-detail?sec=paper-and-cardboard>

<http://www.thinkgreen.com/video-recycling-single-stream>

