

# Campus Green: Recycling Edition

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## A Wake Up Call for Recycling on Campus

### Recycling Stats 2012-13

	2012 (Tons)	2013 (Tons)
Jan.	5.83	3.96
Feb.	11.80	7.06
March	10.30	7.52
April	10.53	6.66
May	15.49	7.64
June	6.61	5.27
July	3.41	4.97
Aug.	2.59	6.11
Sep.	11.98	2.59

For the past ten months or so, the Providence College Recycling Program has noticed a sharp decrease in the amount of recycled material, especially coming out of the Residence Halls.

It seems that the amounts have been cut practically in half. After studying the matter, and in consultation with the cleaning company who takes out the recycling as well as the trash, we have come up with the one possible explanation. We believe that the new State of Rhode Island "Single Stream" recycling rules may be causing confusion about how to properly recycle.

In the past we used two totes; one for paper and one for bottles/cans. Now, "Single Stream" allows you

to mix all of that in one "Mixed Recyclables" tote. The problem is people are throwing trash in as well, therefore contaminating the recyclables. The recycling company will not take contaminated recyclables, so it all goes into the trash, defeating the purpose of recycling in the first place!

We need your help with educating other students. If you see someone throwing trash in the "Mixed Recyclables" tote, stop them! Tell them what they are doing wrong, and how to do it right. Talk to your friends, your roommates, your classmates. Bring it up at your next floor meeting. Put up signs or pass

out flyers! Anything you can do to spread the word would be helpful.

The following pages also have information on what to recycle and where to recycle. Help us get our statistics back to where they used to be. Thanks!



# Where Can I Recycle?

PC tries its best to have recycling bins wherever they may be needed. From your classroom to your dorm room, you should never be far from a recycling bin.

In your dorms there are large blue, green, or gray recycling totes labeled "Mixed Recyclables" where you can mix your bottles/cans and paper recyclables. (keep your recyclables separate from the trash!) These totes are usually found in the nearest trash room.

Academic buildings also have separate receptacles for recyclables and trash, and are typically located in common areas such as lobbies, hallways, or near vending machines. If you are in a classroom and need to recycle a bottle/can or paper, please do not throw it out. Instead, please find a nearby Recycling Receptacle and put your item there.

## RECYCLING ON THE GO

Exterior Recycling Containers are located in 15 different spots on campus:

- ⇒ Side entrance to Albertus Magnus
- ⇒ Back entrance to Albertus Magnus
- ⇒ Side entrance to Harkins Hall
- ⇒ Glass door entrance to the Slavin Center
- ⇒ Front entrance to Concannon Fitness Center
- ⇒ Entrance to the Turf Field
- ⇒ Front entrance to Aquinas on the quad
- ⇒ Front entrance to Moore Hall
- ⇒ Front entrance to the Smith Center for the Arts
- ⇒ On Huxley Ave, lower campus side
- ⇒ Front of The C Store (behind Davis)
- ⇒ Courtyard behind St. Catherine of Siena
- ⇒ Top of the stairs across Raymond Hall
- ⇒ Outdoor patio area to the right of Slavin Center Entrance
- ⇒ Back entrance to Harkins Hall



# WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



## GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE  
REMOVE METAL LIDS  
+ RECYCLE BOTH



## PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS  
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take-out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE  
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS  
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS  
NO STYROFOAM

## PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- egg cartons
- shredded paper in clear plastic bags only **NEW**

NO REFRIGERATED  
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES  
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



## METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE  
DON'T CRUSH CANS  
**NEW** NO SCRAP METAL  
**NEW** NO WIRE HANGERS



## CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE  
NO JUICE POUCHES  
OR STRAWS



There is so much more you can recycle. Don't worry about the #'s or triangles. Recycle ALL plastic containers 2 gallons or smaller.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts at [RecycleTogetherRI.org](http://RecycleTogetherRI.org)