

The Campus Green

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DECEMBER 2010 RECYCLING STATISTICS

Bottles & Cans

15,343 lbs

Paper

10,705 lbs

Cardboard

2,670 lbs

*Keep up the good
work in the
coming New Year!*



Contact Us!

Recycling Hotline
X 1881

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Welcome Back! Make Recycling Your New Year's Resolution!



With the commencement of a new year, we begin to examine our New Year's Resolutions by focusing on what we can change and how we can improve in the coming year. Why not start by looking at how we can improve the recycling initiative on the Providence College campus? This month's entire newsletter focuses on what, where, and how to recycle on campus. Either by holding a bottle until we reach a recycling tote, donating old cell phones, or mailing our printer cartridges to be recycled rather than throwing them away, we can all make small improvements to the amount of material recycled on campus.

BOTTLES AND CANS



There are receptacles for bottles and cans recycling all over campus. For dorms and residence halls, there are totes located on each floor. For students, accepted items include aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, plastic milk and juice containers. For specific information regarding the location of totes in your residence hall, [follow this link](#) to our website.

Faculty and staff should deposit their bottles and cans in circular blue bins located in all office and classroom buildings. Please be sure to not mistake small rectangular paper totes for bottle and can receptacles. These paper totes are more prevalent in offices, while the bottle and can totes are larger and located in common areas.

There are currently 16 locations for outdoor receptacles. For a list of their specific locations, please [follow this link](#). These bins are circular and green and light grey in color. These bins aim to help people recycle no matter where they are traveling on campus, so please be sure to utilize them rather than the trash for your bottles and cans.



PAPER



Totes for recycling paper are located in every residence hall. Some residence halls have small green bins on individual floors, while other dorms have large green totes in their trash rooms or lobby. For specific information regarding your residence hall [follow this link](#).

Faculty and staff should make sure to have a small blue bin by their desk specifically for paper recycling. If you need one, please contact the Recycle Hotline at X1881, or email us at recycle@providence.edu and we will provide one for you.

There are also many receptacles for paper recycling located in common areas such as the library, ray cafeteria lobby, Slavin center, mail room, and in the lobbies of academic buildings such as Harkins, and Accino.

Accepted paper items include writing paper (all colors), newspapers, magazines, envelopes, letterhead, copy paper, computer paper, fax paper, notebook paper, manila envelopes, file folders post-it notes, telephone books, thin cardboard, and soft covered books (hard cover is also fine just remove the hard front and back).





Managing Waste Across the Nation



251 million tons of trash are produced in United States each year. The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year meaning 5% of the world's people generate 40% of the world's waste. Currently America generates...

- 4.6 pounds of trash per person per day (most in the world)

The nation is improving its recycling initiative however, recycling...

- 32.5 % of total waste
- 53.4 % of all paper products
- 1.5 pounds of recycled materials are generated per person per day



The World at a Glance



Countries all around the world enact their own recycling initiatives. These 5 countries lead the world in percentage of waste recycled...

- Switzerland 52%
- Austria 49.7%
- Germany 48%
- Netherlands 46%
- Norway 40%

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CARDBOARD

Providence College accepts all corrugated cardboard boxes for recycling. The College has two cardboard compactors on campus; one at the Peterson loading dock, and one at the Physical Plant.

Students should break down and flatten any boxes that they wish to recycle. The flattened boxes should then be placed in the trash room of their resi-



dence hall floor, near a recycling tote, but not in the trash barrels (above). The cleaning company will take the cardboard separately for recycling. Please note that pizza boxes cannot be recycled because they are contaminated with food waste.

Faculty and staff should break down and flatten any boxes that they wish to get rid of, and place them either next to their blue paper recycling bins (left), or in the hall outside of their offices for the cleaning company to pick up.



BATTERIES

Batteries should never be thrown away as trash. Batteries that end up in landfills are a potential problem because chemicals in the batteries may leak into the soil and contaminate nearby water sources as the battery degrades. If the battery is incinerated, the chemicals may be released into the air as toxic gases.

There are several ways to recycle batteries on campus. The first floor of Accino and lower Slavin (near PC Perk) are both equipped with "Recycling Centers" that contain bins for batteries to be recycled (see pics below). Batteries can also be brought to the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (the building next to the turf field, opposite Slavin, pictured right) for recycling.



Faculty and staff can also send batteries through inter-office mail. Envelopes should be labeled "Attention: Recycling Program". Batteries can also be picked-up by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Please call Ext. 1881 to arrange a pick-up time and date.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES



Recycling your laser and ink jet printer cartridges will reduce the amount of plastic put into landfills. Most cartridges can be recycled up to six times and are guaranteed by most manufacturers to work as well as brand-new ones.

Printer cartridges can be recycled on the first floor of Accino, in the "Recycling Center" (pictured left). Printer cartridges can also be sent via inter-office mail to "Attention: Recycling Program". They can also be dropped off in the Office of Environmental Health and Safety building, or can be arranged for pick-up by calling Ext. 1881, "Recycle Hotline".

CD's, DVD's, and CELL PHONES

CD's, DVD's, and cell phones can be recycled in the Slavin "Recycling Center" (pictured right), or on the first floor of Accino. CD's, DVD's, and cell phones can also be sent through inter-office mail labeled "Attention: Recycling Program", or picked-up by the Office of Environmental Health and Safety by calling Ext. 1881 to arrange for a pick-up time and date.



If you'd like to make a suggestion for recycling on campus, or for more information in general, please contact the Recycling Hotline at (401)-865-1881.