
WMU RECYCLES

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A Few Facts about WMU Recycling...

The wrapper around a ream of paper is NOT recyclable. It contains a thin plastic coating inside the wrapper to prevent moisture from entering. Please deposit these in the trash.

Plastic grocery bags are NOT recyclable on campus. Recycling Services may collect the bags for a fund raiser Kalamazoo Public Schools is participating in. Please call us with questions or comments.

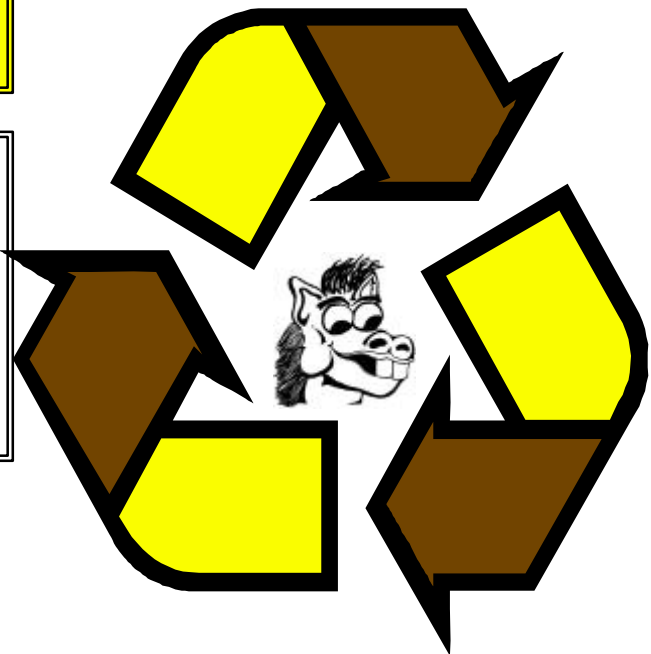
We recycle #1 and #2 plastic bottles which have an opening smaller than the bottle itself. We cannot recycle items such as butter tubs and stadium-type cups.

If everyone at WMU reused the backside of 1 sheet of paper every day we would save more than 4,000,000 sheets per academic year.

We cannot recycle Styrofoam peanuts anymore. We encourage the reuse of the Styrofoam peanuts, but if that is not possible, please deposit these in the trash.

WMU recycles clear glass only. Colored glass can be taken to BFI on Cork Street for recycling. Please deposit colored glass in the trash if BFI is not an option. If you have a large number of colored glass bottles, contact Recycling Services and we will make arrangements to take them to Cork Street.

Commingled means glass, plastics, and metals can be mixed together in one bin or dumpster. (See the back page.)

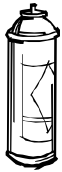


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- PAPER PRODUCTS



- business cards
- cardboard
- catalogs (paperback only)
- computer printouts
- copier paper
- ditto paper
- fax paper
- file folders (manila)
- junk mail
- magazines
- NCR paper (carbonyls)
- newspaper
- newsprint pad paper
- office stationery
- pad and tablet paper
- Post-It Notes



- OTHER

- batteries
- empty aerosols
- toner cartridges
- scrap metal



- CONTAINERS

- plastic bottles (#1 and #2)
- milk jugs
- detergent bottles
- salad dressing bottles
- water bottles
- shampoo bottles
- steel cans
- food cans
- aluminum cans and foil
- beverage cans
- pie tins
- clear glass bottles and jars
- metal jar lids



- POLYSTYRENE FOAM

- computer packaging
- cups, plates
- furniture and appliance packaging
- take-out clamshells
- meat trays
- egg cartons



Outdoor Recycling Bins: A new addition to Recycling on campus

Recycling Services would like to welcome everyone back for fall. We have been working on many projects this summer to expand the recycling program on campus. You may have seen an expansion of our program as you walk around campus. Recycling Services purchased outdoor recycling bins called Clusters. The outdoor bins have been strategically placed around campus in the heavy traffic areas. Recycling Services has placed the Clusters in six locations on campus to enhance recycling at WMU. We have outdoor bins in the following locations: outside the main entrance to Schneider Hall, outside the entrance to McCracken Hall on the library side, outside the front entrance to Sprau Tower, Sangren Hall, in front of Wesley Foundation by the promenade tent, and on Gilkinson Avenue walking from Valley 1. These locations serve many of the heavy traffic areas. If you have any ideas about other locations for the Clusters, please give Recycling Services a call. We are always interested in your suggestions.

The outdoor containers have three bins on each Cluster. One bin collects glass, plastics, and metal, another bin collects paper, and the last bin collects non-recyclable items for trash. Each bin in the Cluster is clearly marked for the items you want to deposit in the bin. Please deposit **empty** recyclable items into the bins. Recyclable items containing liquids or food will contaminate the recyclables. Recycling Services encourages you to utilize the Clusters at all times. If the Clusters prove to be successful, Recycling Services will add more to our campus.

In addition to collecting recyclable materials, the Clusters add Bronco spirit to campus. The Clusters are Western Michigan University brown and gold. Recycling Services is positive this Bronco spirit will entice you to recycle. Don't let us down, and do your part in conserving our environment. Have a wonderful semester, and remember WMU recycles.



Glass



Plastic



Metal



Paper

Did You Know...

Americans generate 50% of the world's trash and consume 35% of the world's resources, but make up only 6% of the population.

What is Commingled?

Recycling Services has received questions concerning what commingled actually means. Commingled basically means glass, plastics, and metals can all be mixed together and put in the same dumpster and in the same bins. These items do not have to be separated. Recycling Services has commingled signs on GPM (glass, plastics, metals) dumpsters and on GPM bins in the halls.

Western Michigan University has hired a contractor to sort the glass, plastics and metals. Therefore, the items can be mixed together here. This makes our recycling program more convenient for you. Recycling Services appreciates your questions. Please call us at 387-8165 if you have other questions concerning recycling.



Web Page Address: <http://141.218.181.35/recycling/recycling.html>

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