
WMU RECYCLES

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A Few Facts about WMU Recycling...

Recycling Services cannot recycle hardcover books anymore. The pages can be removed from the binding for recycling or the books can always be donated. We encourage the reuse or recycling of them.

All items for recycling must be **CLEAN!** Please clean the items you would like to recycle. If you are recycling items in the outdoor clusters, please empty the containers to reduce contamination.

Plastic grocery bags are not recycled on campus. However, Kohl's, the department store, accepts the plastic bags for recycling in the entrances of their stores.

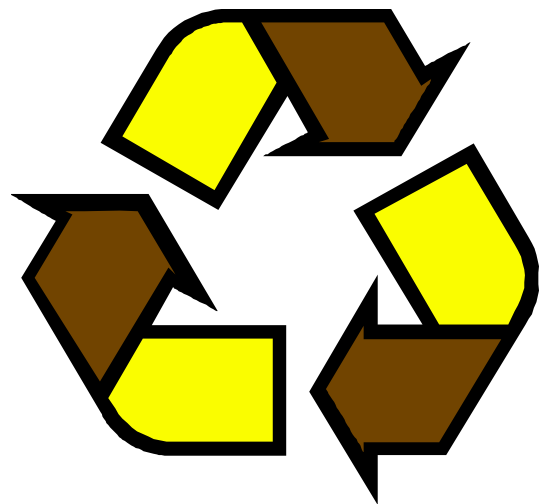
Recycling Services has started a pilot program for recycling styrofoam at Harrison/Stinson Hall. The ResHall Assoc. is working to ensure the styrofoam from the dining services carryout is recycled. This includes the cups and clamshells that dining services uses in the carryout program.

The outdoor recycling containers have been very popular. Remember to place your materials in the proper bin. We have had to discard some recyclables due to excessive contamination. Please help us out.

The WMU Recycles web page is there for your benefit to access information about the recycling program on campus. Please visit the web page and learn more about the program. The address is: **<http://141.218.181.25/recycling/recycling.html>**

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.

We are interested in your comments and suggestions for the program. We want to address your questions using this page of the newsletter. Please help us out.

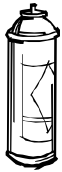


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- PAPER PRODUCTS



- 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

- clear glass bottles and jars
- 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
- metal jar lids



- POLYSTYRENE FOAM

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



Where Do Your Recyclables Really Go?

The following are **some** of the products made from various products that you recycle, both at WMU and at home. This is by no means an all-inclusive list.

Asphalt

Ground up and reused in road surfacing.

Cardboard

Reprocessed into cardboard or pressboard.



Concrete

Recycled and used as aggregate in new concrete construction or as sub-base or structural fill.

Fabric

Recycled polyester fabric scraps are used for carpet pads.

Glass

Glass is crushed, melted and used to make new bottles and jars. (Some glass containers are simply sterilized and reused.)

Glass can also be combined with other materials such as:

- 1) Sand, to make sand-blasting aggregate;
- 2) Asphalt, and other paving materials, for road surfacing;
- 3) Cement, for paving.



Metals

Melted and formed into new metal products. Products can be anything from a new can to steel beams used in construction to automobiles and aircraft.



Newspaper

De-inked to produce recycled newsprint.

Processed into cellulose insulation.

Shredded for use as animal bedding.

Processed into cardboard, paper towels, and other coarse paper products.



Oil

Impurities removed and re-refined for use as engine lubricating oil.

High Grade Paper

Recycled into writing and printing paper.



Office Mix Grade Paper

Recycled into tissue products, packaging, storage boxes, file dividers, legal pads, telephone books and book covers.

Plastic Containers

Depending upon the plastic resin, these containers can be recycled into clothing, carpets, plastic lumber, and new bottles.

Tires

Shredded and used in road paving.

Recycled into door mats and animal stall bases.

Recapping and retreading extends useful life.



Moving Out Already?

Well, believe it or not, it will soon be the end of the academic year and many students will be preparing to move. Have you taken a look at what you managed to collect over the course of the past 8 months? How are you going to get it all in your vehicle? Does it even still fit? Do you need it?

If you have usable items that you don't want or can't take with you, please donate them to the Kalamazoo Deacons Conference for distribution to the needy. Recycling Services will pick up usable items and transport them for you.

Each residence hall will have a location to drop off clothing, linens, non-perishable food, unopened toiletries, returnable beverage containers and small appliances. We will remove donated items daily during exam week. We will also make special arrangements to pick up items such as furniture or larger appliances. (We may need your help loading larger items.) Toys and bicycles are also accepted.

If you live in a campus apartment or want to donate the items before the end of the semester, just call Recycling Services at 387-8165. Sorry, but we do not have the resources to pick up donations from off-campus.

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