HOW TO RECYCLE!

A How to for Wells College!

These are general guidelines meant to assist you in recycling effectively both on campus and at home. Though what is considered recyclable can vary from place to place, most of these materials can be recycled on campus. Be sure to check the signs around campus (especially in residence hall trash rooms) if you are unsure of where a certain item goes. Even recycling just one small item makes a difference! Please help us make Wells a greener place!

*Remember:*

All recyclable material must be clean or free of contaminates regarding food products. If you are unable to clean the item, it must be placed in the trash. Please wash out all food and beverage containers before recycling!

**PAPER**

YES:

Office paper

White and colored paper

Newspapers (bags and strings removed)

Magazines, catalogs, phonebooks

Junk mail

Paperboard

Tissue boxes

Heavy weight folders

Paper towel and toilet paper rolls

Food packaging (un-waxed only)

Shredded paper

Paper milk, juice, and soymilk cartons (clean and empty)

Soft cover books, hard cover books if front and back covers are ripped off

Empty paper coffee cups (plastic lids removed)

*\*All food/beverage containers must be washed out\**

NO:

Napkins, paper towels

Tissue paper

Wax paper

Wrapping paper

Any paper product that has the potential to be contaminated with bodily fluids

**CARDBOARD**

YES:

Pizza boxes (food and wax paper removed)

Corrugated cardboard

Brown paper bags

Boxboard (i.e. shoeboxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes)

*\*All cardboard boxes must be broken down\**

NO:

Cardboard lined with plastic (i.e. bubble wrap boxes)

Waxed/waterproof cardboard

**METAL**

YES:

Metal and tin beverage/food containers

Aluminum foil

Aluminum take-out containers

Aluminum pie plates and trays

Kitchen cookware: metal pots, pans, tins, and utensils

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NO:

Motor oil cans

Metal and cardboard containers contaminated with oil-based products

Paint cans

**GLASS**

YES:

Glass bottles and jars (all colors)

Clear, green, brown, blue glass

Glass food containers

Beer and wine bottles

*\*All food/beverage containers must be washed out\**

NO:

Light bulbs

Mirror glass

Window glass

Ceramic or marble

Crystal

**PLASTIC**

YES:

All plastics numbered 1-7

Food and beverage containers

Screw top jars

Deli-style containers

Clamshell take-out containers

Plastic cups (lids and straws removed)

Milk jugs

Soap bottles

Clean grocery/retail plastic shopping bags

Plastic jugs/bottles: soda bottles, laundry detergent jugs

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All information taken from:

http://www.portage-recycles.com/

http://www.portage-recycles.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/A-Complete-list-of-what-is-considered-as-recycling-material-and-not-recyclable1.pdf