



# RECYCLING AT SIU

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A QUICK GUIDE

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# MIXED RECYCLING

Mixed recycling includes:

- All forms of unbroken **GLASS**
- All **METAL**, such as tin and aluminum cans and foil
- **PLASTIC** marked with a plastic recycling number 1-5 within a three-  
arrowed triangle. *Note: This may change, depending on the worldwide  
recycling markets. Please see the SIU recycling website for the most  
up-to-date information.*

Any bin with a glass, metal or plastic label is considered “mixed recycling” and any of the above can be placed there. If you work in an office with just one recycling bin, it is for paper. Your mixed recycling should be carried to a centralized location.



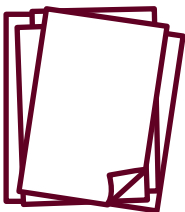
# PAPER RECYCLING

Paper recycling includes any paper. All types of paper can be placed into any **PAPER** recycling bin, regardless of labels such as “newspaper” or “white paper”: It all gets mixed together anyway.

Examples of paper include:

- White paper
- Colored paper
- Newspaper
- Glossy paper (e.g. magazines)
- Phone books
- Thin cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
- Shredded paper (should be in its own plastic bag)

**All paper must be clean.** If paper has been contaminated with liquid or grease, it cannot be recycled and should be put in the landfill bin. No glass, metal, plastic, etc. can be commingled with the paper.



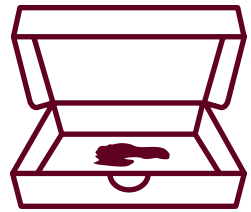
# CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard can be recycled within buildings. Please help our campus team members and **break down boxes until they are flat.**

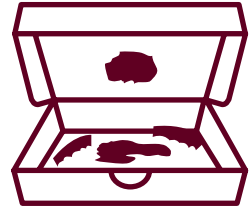
- Place the flattened boxes next to the paper recycling bin.
- Cardboard with wax (i.e. fruit and vegetable boxes) cannot be recycled and should be put in the landfill bins.

**We can even recycle pizza boxes!** Please remove all inserts and food. It is okay if there's some grease in the boxes.

RECYCLE



DO NOT RECYCLE



# INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

All **FULL** and **EMPTY** ink and toner cartridges are processed by the Sustainability Office and should be delivered to Mail Code 4418, or dropped off at the Sustainability Hub.

- All **FULL** cartridges should be labeled "**FULL: TO SHARE**". These are available for free, for reallocation to other departments through the program.  
[sustainability.siu.edu/programs/ink-and-toner-sharing-program.php](https://sustainability.siu.edu/programs/ink-and-toner-sharing-program.php)
- All **EMPTY** cartridges should be labeled "**EMPTY: RECYCLE**". These are remanufactured or recycled through a vendor return program.  
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*Note: The Sustainability Office cannot accept toner tubes or bottles. Those should be returned by departments to the contracted copy machine company at time of service.*

## » DID YOU KNOW?

SIU composts food waste from University Housing dining halls. Someday, we hope to collect food waste more widely on campus. The food waste is taken to SIU's Forced Aeration Compost Facility, where it is mixed with landscaping and farm waste and turned into compost.

# BATTERY RECYCLING

The Office of Sustainability has set up a dedicated battery recycling bin in the Sustainability Hub to help reduce environmental impact and minimize waste. This bin is specifically for single-use alkaline batteries, making it easier for students, staff, and faculty to recycle responsibly.

How to Recycle:

- Only single-use alkaline batteries are accepted.
- To ensure safe handling, please tape both terminals of each battery before placing them in the bin.

Drop off your used batteries in the designated bin in the Sustainability Hub and help us promote sustainability on campus.

# ELECTRONICS

It is mandated by the State of Illinois that electronic waste (e-waste) must be diverted from the landfill. All electronic waste, except for ink/toner cartridges (process described above), should be sent to Surplus Property: [property-control.siu.edu/surplus/index.php](http://property-control.siu.edu/surplus/index.php)

# LANDFILL

Common items that cannot currently be recycled include:

- Uneaten food
- Coffee cups/pods
- Chip bags
- Soda cups
- Food wrappers
- Styrofoam



**RECYCLE FOIL**  
Throw cup away.

## SUSTAINABILITY HUB

Student Center, 2nd Floor, South End near International Lounge

**FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:**

 [sustainability.siu.edu/programs/recycling-program](http://sustainability.siu.edu/programs/recycling-program)



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