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: https://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 (Subway, etc.)
- Food wrappers (candy wrappers, granola bar wrappers, etc.)
- Styrofoam

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.

The most up-to-date information can be found on the sustainability website, here: http://sustainability.siu.edu/recycle

RECYCLING AT SIU CARBONDALE

A QUICK GUIDE
MIXED RECYCLING

Mixed Recycling includes:

- all forms of unbroken GLASS
- all METAL, such as tin and aluminum cans and foil

• PLASTIC bottles marked with a plastic recycling number 1-2 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.

NOTE: Any bin with a glass, metal or plastic label is considered “Mixed Recycling” and any of the above can be placed there.

NOTE: 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, such as magazines
- phone books
- thin cardboard, such as 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.

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

All FULL and EMPTY ink and toner cartridges are processed by the Sustainability Office and should be sent to MC 4418, or delivered to the Sustainability Hub, located on the first floor of the Student Center.

- All FULL cartridges should be labeled “FULL: TO SHARE.” These are available for free, for reallocation to other departments through the program described here: https://sustainability.siu.edu/participate/toner-and-ink-sharing-program.php

- All EMPTY cartridges should be labeled “EMPTY: RECYCLE.” These are re-manufactured or recycled through a vendor return program.

- Program details: https://sustainability.siu.edu/participate/recycling-program/ink-cartridge.php

- 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.