

# Recycling in University Housing

Welcome new and returning residents! Help us make USC greener by recycling!

## Your Room Recycling Bin

Every room is provided with a recycling bin to make it easy for you to recycle while living in University Housing. Use this bin to collect mixed recyclables in your room and take them to your nearest recycling center for sorting.



**Note:** If the recycling bin from your room or recycling center is missing, call 777-6331 for replacements. When you move out, please leave your bin for the next resident.

## Where is your Recycling Center?

<u>Residence Hall</u>	<u>Recycling Center Location</u>
Bates House	Floor trash room
Bates West	Floor trash room
Capstone	Floor kitchen
Carolina Gardens	Dumpster areas
Columbia Hall	Floor kitchen
Cliff	Floor trash room
DeSaussure	Bottom of stairs
East Quad	Floor trash room
French House	Bottom of stairs
Harper/Elliott	Bottom of stairs
Honors College	Floor Waste Warriors
Maxcy	Floor trash room
McBryde	Floor bathrooms
McClintock	Floor kitchen
Patterson	Hallway/Trash rooms
Pinckney/Legare	Bottom of stairs
Preston	Hallway on each floor
The Roost	Floor trash room
Rutledge	Bottom of stairs
Sims	Floor kitchen
South Quad	Floor trash room
South Tower	Floor kitchen
Thornwell	Bottom of stairs
Wade Hampton	Floor bathroom/hall
West Quad	Floor trash room
Woodrow	Hallway on each floor

## Special Recycling Events

### RecycleMania

*(8 weeks from February-April)*

RecycleMania is a nation-wide recycling competition among colleges and universities. Each year USC competes in challenges like the Gorilla Prize, which ranks schools by the total number of pounds they recycle, the Grand Champion Round, which ranks schools based on their recycling rate, and the Per Capita Classic, which ranks schools based on their pounds recycled per person on campus. In 2011, USC came in 200<sup>th</sup> in the country in the Grand Champion round and 84<sup>th</sup> in the country in the Gorilla Prize. Help us improve this year by getting into the habit of recycling early and recycle during RecycleMania to beat Clemson!



Follow Cocky's example and recycle your cardboard boxes! An average of 13 tons of cardboard are recycled each year.

### Give It Up for Good Program

*(Last 3 weeks of Spring Semester)*

Not enough room for everything you accumulated this year in your car? Instead of leaving unwanted items in your room or throwing them away, donate them to charity! Each residence hall will have a collection station for food, clothing, household goods, and appliances and a bulk collection station nearby for carpet and metal and wood from loft beds. Look in your residence hall lobby for instructions on what and where to donate. USC Housing donates over 14 tons of these goods to local charities each year.

*All recycling centers look something like this. Have you found yours yet?*



For more information on recycling and other environmental news and events within University Housing visit:  
[www.housing.sc.edu/sus\\_about.html](http://www.housing.sc.edu/sus_about.html)

# What to Recycle

Recycling will take only a few minutes but will have a profound impact on the environment.

## MIXED PAPER

White and colored paper  
Notebook paper  
Magazines  
Newspapers  
Junk mail and envelopes  
Post-it® Notes  
Manila folders and paper binder dividers  
\*Remove paper clips and tape if possible\*



**NO: Paper towels, napkins, tissues, transparencies, cardboard, food**

Did you know? One ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees.

## ALUMINUM/PLASTIC

Aluminum cans and steel food cans  
#1 – 7 plastic jugs and bottles  
Clean aluminum foil  
\*Please empty and rinse\*



**NO: aerosol cans, plastic bags, plastic cups or tubs**

Did you know? Recycling an aluminum can uses only 5% as much energy as it does to make one from raw materials.

## GLASS

Clear and colored glass



\*Glass can only be recycled in the trash rooms of the West Quad, at the Green Quad Learning Center, and at outdoor multi-sort receptacles at Woodrow, Maxcy, and West Quad.\*

Did you know? Because it doesn't degrade during recycling, glass is considered infinitely recyclable.

## CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Flattened corrugated cardboard (thick with ridges and grooves) and flattened paperboard (ex: cereal box)

\*Stack next to recycling center \*

**NO: Pizza boxes with food on them, waxy paperboard**

Did you know? USC makes \$100 per ton of recycled cardboard; we would have to pay to put it in a landfill.

## BATTERIES

Dry cell battery collection stations are located in the lobby of your residence Halls!

\*except the Horseshoe Apartments.



## Coming Soon! CFL Collection

Look out for CFL collection centers in residence hall lobbies!



## FAQs About Recycling

### What is a Waste Warrior?

Waste Warriors are multi-sort recycling stations that collect office paper, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and newspaper. They are located around campus and in the lobbies of almost all residence halls.

### Where can I recycle plastic grocery bags?

Plastic grocery bags are collected in the Green Quad Learning Center, and at many retail and grocery stores including Publix, Piggly Wiggly, and Target. They are also collected during our Give It Up event in the Spring Semester.

### What else can I recycle?

Almost everything! You can donate many unwanted items to the Take It or Leave It program. Most carriers will collect used cell phones and batteries in their stores, or provide you with a postage label for shipping. Printer cartridges can be taken to stores like Best Buy, Kinkos FedEx, and Staples. Staples also collects personal electronics like digital cameras, PDAs, and chargers. Ask your hall Sustainability Rep for more ideas!

Please recycle this flyer or hang it on your recycling bin as a reminder of what you can recycle!