

Presented by the Office of Sustainability

RECYCLING AT GCSU

How you can help create a
greener campus!



Recycling Objectives

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To create a greener, more eco-friendly campus.

To take responsibility for the waste generated by our Faculty, Staff, and Students.

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To reduce our environmental impact and divert as much as possible from landfills.

To learn and adapt to better protect and conserve our natural resources.

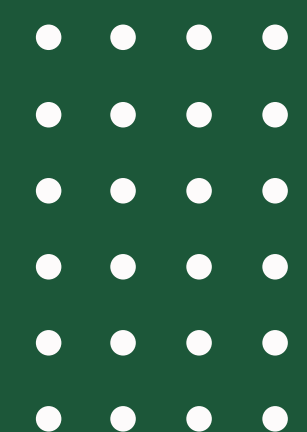
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Recycling can be confusing, let's clarify it together!

What exactly can you recycle in the blue bins on campus?

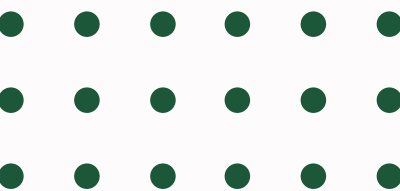
- Copy Paper
- Newsprint
- Brown paper bags
- Magazines
- Catalogs, telephone books, and paperback books
- Mail and envelopes
- Paper and paperboard (cereal and tissue boxes)
- Cardboard
- Plastics #1 and #2 (water bottles, soft drink bottles, milk jugs, bleach/detergent/shampoo bottles)
- Metal cans (tin, steel, and aluminum)





Recyclable Materials

- Paper products:
 - Office paper (white or colored)
 - Notebooks (without plastic covers)
 - Newspapers and magazines
 - Junk mail and envelopes
 - Flattened cardboard boxes
- Cardboard:
 - Shipping boxes (flattened)
 - Cereal boxes, snack boxes, etc.
- Plastics:
 - Plastic bottles (water, soda, etc.)
 - Plastic containers (food containers if clean)
 - Look for plastics labeled #1–#2 (sometimes #3–#7 depending on bin signage)
- Metals:
 - Aluminum cans (soda, energy drinks)
 - Steel/tin cans (soup, vegetables)
- Glass:
 - Small glass bottles and jars (rinsed). Availability may vary.

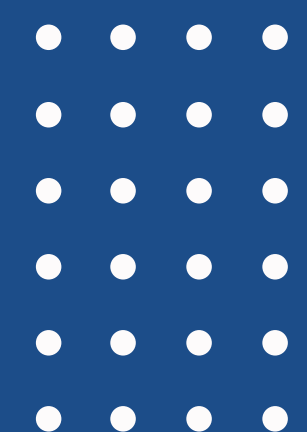


Campus Recycling

What items are NOT accepted for recycling in bins on campus?

- Foods and Liquids = Please remove as much food and liquid from your recyclables as possible. In addition, please do not put pizza boxes that have grease and cheese remaining in them.
- Plastic film products such as grocery bags, ziplock bags, bubble wrap
- Plastics #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7
- Unlabeled plastic items lacking a number with which to identify their chemical composition
- Tissue products such as Kleenex and paper towels
- Hard Cover books- must have binding removed to recycle





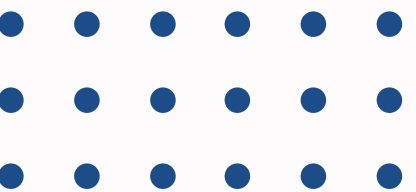
Items Not Accepted for Campus Recycling

Avoid putting these in recycling bins:

- Food waste or liquids
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Plastic bags (unless there is a designated drop-off)
- Styrofoam
- Broken glass
- Electronics (these require special recycling programs)

Plastic Types Not Accepted:

- #3 – PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)
 - Common items: Pipes, vinyl flooring, some food packaging, shrink wrap
 - Contains chemicals that make recycling difficult and potentially hazardous
- #4 – LDPE (Low-Density Polyethylene)
 - Common items: Plastic bags, grocery bags, bread bags, squeeze bottles
- #5 – PP (Polypropylene)
 - Common items: Yogurt cups, bottle caps, straws, food containers
- #6 – PS (Polystyrene)
 - Common items: Styrofoam cups/plates, takeout containers, packing peanuts
- #7 – Other (Mixed Plastics)
 - Common items: Polycarbonate (e.g., some reusable bottles), multi-layer packaging, biodegradable plastics



Recycling Bin Locations

- Small blue recycling bins can be found around campus in classrooms, offices, and dorms.
- Larger blue herby curbies can be found outside residence halls as well as at the West Campus Recycling Center next to the trash compactor.
- If you need a recycling bin, please contact the Office of Sustainability at recycle@gcsu.edu.



Recycling Tips

Clean Recycling

Avoid recycling greasy materials, such as pizza boxes. If the grease spots are small enough, you can cut them out then recycle the remainders. When recycling bottles and other containers, rinse and dry them out beforehand.

Make Recycling a Habit

Keep up with your recycling needs and participate often. Flatten your boxes to save space! This helps prevent unnecessary bulk. Make recycling a part of your daily or weekly routine.

Prioritize Accessibility

Keep a small bin that is easily accessible to you. Use that for your daily recycling needs, then transfer it to a larger bin for pick-up. Follow directions on bin signage, some buildings have stricter sorting rules.

Utilize Resources

Use designated drop-off locations for batteries, electronics, or ink cartridges. The Office of Sustainability is always available if you have any questions! We can help direct you in how to best recycle and any donation needs.



Hard to Recycle Materials

Ink Toner Cartridges



The Office of Sustainability picks up ink toner cartridges all around campus. We box them up and ship them off to be recycled and refilled.

Glass



By utilizing a glass crusher to create glass sand, we can reduce our environmental impact and limit landfill input.

Batteries



Only batteries generated on Georgia College campuses are eligible for collection and recycling.

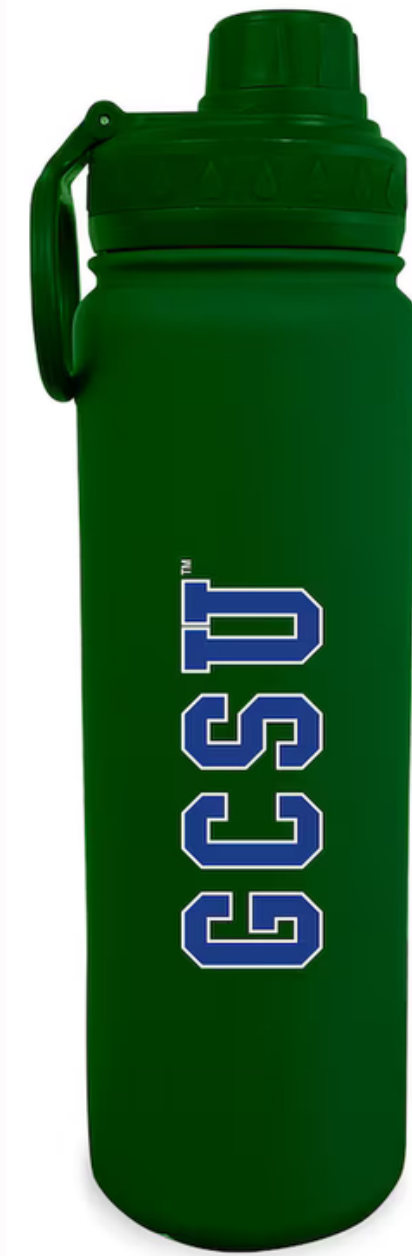
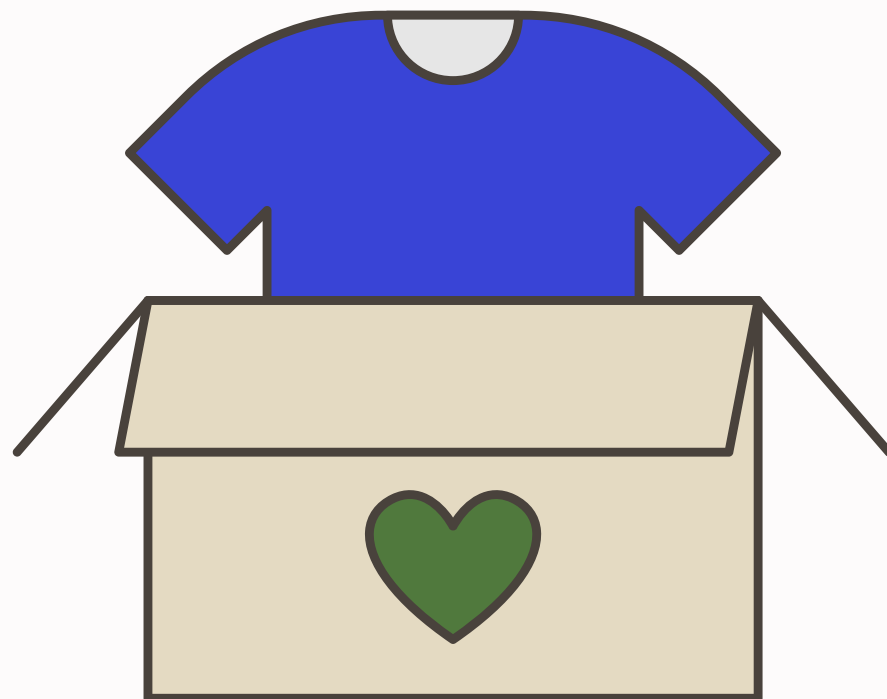
Ways to Reduce Consumption & Waste

Reusable Products

Instead of utilizing single use products all the time, bring a reusable water bottle / coffee cup. When packing your lunch, use tubberware rather than ziploc baggies or tinfoil. When going out to eat, opt out of using a straw and bring tupperware for leftovers. Use reusable bags while grocery shopping.

Donations

When you no longer want clothes, books, furniture, or other products, consider options for donations. Milledgeville has several donation centers.



Dodge the Dump

A program designed to divert gently-used items from the landfill and put them in the hands of community members who need them.

Our community partners are local nonprofit agencies in and around the Milledgeville-Baldwin County area who help identify families and individuals who can benefit from items that are donated during Dodge the Dump.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with Dodge the Dump efforts during the next move-out, send an email to sustaingc@gcsu.edu.



Recycling Inquiries

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding recycling, please contact **recycle@gcsu.edu** or call **478-445-7016**.

Recycling Updates

To stay up-to-date with our recycling initiatives and the Office of Sustainability, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and WordPress.



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