



Q: Where should I recycle bottles and cans?

A: In the blue bins with the orange labels.

Q: Do I need to remove caps or labels? Do I need to rinse them out?

A: No, and no. Just dump out any large quantities into the sink.

Q: What about other plastic?

A: You cannot recycle any plastic at NU that does not have a recycling symbol (triangle of arrows) with a number from 1-5 in the middle.

Q: Why is it important to recycle plastic?

A: Americans put 22 billion plastic bottles in landfills last year. The petroleum drilling to create new plastic is environmentally catastrophic. Recycled plastic can be made into cups, clothes, bags, and more.

Q: Should I recycle aluminum trays and lids?

A: Yes, in the blue bins with the orange labels.

Q: What if it has food on/in it?

A: Throw away the food, then recycle it. A little bit of food or crumbs is acceptable. (Compost fresh fruits and veggies.)



Q: Why is recycling aluminum so important?

A: It's more important than recycling almost anything else. Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy that would go into producing new aluminum.



Q: What about pizza boxes and other cardboard?

A: Any cardboard without greasy substances can be flattened and then recycled with the paper (blue bin with green label).

Q: What if there's a little grease or cheese?

A: Only a tiny bit is OK. If only part of the box is greasy, just rip that part off and recycle the rest.

Q: Why is it important to recycle paper and cardboard?

A: Most landfill waste is completely recyclable paper products. If they were recycled, fewer trees would have to be cut down for paper. Deforestation is one of the greatest environmental problems, affecting oxygen levels, habitats, global climate change, etc. 'Nuff said.



<<Tons of paper getting recycled.