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OFF-CAMPUS
RECYCLING GUIDE



PURPOSE



The Penn community has access to a variety of resources that help us collectively reduce our impact on the environment. This is especially true in the College Houses, where students have the support of Eco-Representatives and house programming. Penn undergraduates who live off campus are left to navigate waste management on their own. This is where our Off-Campus Recycling Guide comes in. It is meant to serve as a resource to the entire off-campus community, so that sustainability stays at the heart of Penn living.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I get a recycling bin?

You can use **any standard trash bin** or household container as a recycling bin as long as you label it "recycling." Philadelphia waste management is trained to recycle anything contained in bins that are labeled as recycling, regardless of whether or not the bin is blue or officially distributed by the City.

The easiest way to get a recycling bin is to use a permanent marker on one of your existing garbage cans. The only restriction is that recycling bins cannot exceed a size of 32 gallons, but the majority of household garbage bins are 32 gallons or smaller. You can also contact your landlord to provide you with a recycling bin (for specific details about your landlord, see page 6).

Philadelphia also distributes recycling bins at these locations:

Strawberry Mansion

2601 W. Glenwood Avenue
215-685-3981

Southwest Philadelphia

3033 S. 63rd Street, near Passyunk Avenue
215-685-4290

Northwest Philadelphia

300 block Domino Lane, near Umbria Street
215-685-2502

Northeast Philadelphia

State Road & Ashburner Street
215-685-8072



What can be recycled?



PLASTICS:

Emptied and rinsed – caps are OK

- All Food and Beverage Containers
- Hard Plastic Takeout Containers
- Plastic Cold Drink Cups and Lids
- Detergent and Shampoo Bottles
- Pump and Spray Bottles
- Plastic Pails, Buckets, Garden Pots



METALS:

Emptied and rinsed

- Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
- Empty Paint Cans
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Metal Trays and Baking Dishes
- Jar Lids and Bottle Caps
- Clean Aluminum Foil



PAPER:

- Newspapers and Inserts
- Magazines, Brochures, and Catalogs
- Junk Mail, Envelopes, Writing Paper
- Scrap Paper
- Paper Bags
- Phone Books
- Paperback Books
- Greeting Cards, Gift Wrap (non-metallic)



GLASS:

Emptied and rinsed – caps are OK

- All Bottles and Jars



CARDBOARD:

Flattened and free of grease and food

- Corrugated Cardboard Shipping Boxes
- Clean Pizza Boxes
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Egg Cartons
- Dry Food Boxes



CARTONS:

Emptied and rinsed

- Milk
- Juice
- Ice Cream
- Wine
- Soups

What cannot be recycled?

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam™ Food/Beverage Containers and Shipping/Packing Material
- Food Waste
- Wet or Food-Soiled Paper
- Waxed Paper Plates, Cups, and Takeout Containers
- Greasy Pizza Boxes
- Tissues, Paper Towels, and Napkins
- Light Bulbs
- Porcelain and Non-Container Glass
- Electronics
- Cassette Tapes (VHS and audio)
- Garden Hoses
- Needles and Syringes

On what day is recycling taken out?

For most residences around Penn: **Wednesday.**

Recycling is taken the same day as the trash. The vast majority of trash and recycling in the Penn district is picked up on Wednesday, which means you should leave your bins out Tuesday night.

To check what day your trash is collected, reach out to your landlord or search for your address at <http://citymaps.phila.gov/portal>.



Need help?

The Penn community's off-campus housing process starts with Off-Campus Services. Their knowledgeable staff is equipped to assist students, faculty, and staff in all stages of the off-campus living experience, whether they are new to Philadelphia or looking to move into an apartment for the first time. In addition to the off-campus housing search, their office also provides support and resources to resolve issues that may arise between tenants and landlords.

Off-Campus Services

3702 Spruce Street

Stouffer Commons

P: 215-898-8500

E: ocliving@exchange.upenn.edu

www.upenn.edu/offcampusservices

Landlord-specific Resources

Domus

3411 Chestnut Street
www.udr.com/philadelphia-apartments
215-240-6202

Community recycling bins are provided by the landlord on each floor, next to the trash bins. The landlord is responsible for emptying them.

The Radian

3925 Walnut Street
www.radianapartments.com
215-222-4212

Community recycling bins are provided by the landlord on each floor, next to the trash bins. The landlord is responsible for emptying them.

University City Housing (UCH)

3418 Sansom Street
www.universitycityhousing.com
215-222-2000

Recycling bins are provided and maintained by the landlord, but it is the tenant's responsibility to put them out on trash day.

Campus Apartments

4043 Walnut Street
www.livecampusapt.com
215-382-1300

Recycling bins are provided and maintained by the landlord, but it is the tenant's responsibility to put them out on trash day.

University Enterprises

4019 Locust Street
www.hermanrraltygroup.com
215-222-5500

Recycling bins are provided and maintained by the landlord, but it is the tenant's responsibility to put them out on trash day.

Apartments at Penn

416 South 41st Street
www.apartmentsatpenn.com
215-222-0222

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