



THE RECYCLE REPORT

University of Washington
Recycling Program

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UW Recycling July 2000 - June 2001

Total tons landfilled
7,404.01

Total tons recycled
4,179.77

Percentage recycled
36.01%

**Recycled Materials
Include:**

Paper
1214.84 tons

Landscape waste
822.35 tons

Corrugated cardboard
632.80 tons

**Aluminum, plastic,
and glass containers**
509.19 tons

Concrete
126.57 tons

Hardbound books
54.50 tons

Refrigerators
31.05 tons

Food
13.52 tons

Computer monitors
11.88 tons

Tires
4.52 tons

Fluorescent tubes
2.58 tons



*Thanks for
Recycling!*

Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is one of the most valuable recyclables collected by the UW Recycling Program. The Program recently acquired a horizontal baler to produce more bales of corrugated cardboard bringing additional income to the University.

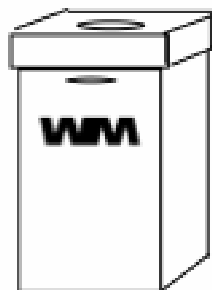
Corrugated cardboard has smooth outer layers and a wavy inner layer. Corrugated cardboard is not chipboard or boxboard, the single layer material used to package items such as file folders, envelopes, shoes, or cereal. Chipboard boxes should be flattened and recycled with mixed paper in green bagits or public area bins.



Flattened corrugated cardboard is collected in designated dumpsters near the loading dock at most buildings on campus. Only corrugated cardboard should go into these dumpsters. The cardboard must be clean, unwaxed, and flattened. To manage corrugated cardboard:

- Place six or fewer flattened boxes next to your bagit station and your regular custodian will take them to the dumpster.
- Take 7-20 flattened corrugated boxes to a cardboard dumpster or contact Custodial Services' recycling crew (baglady@u.washington.edu or call 206-685-4771) for removal.
- For removal of more than 20 flattened corrugated boxes, contact the Recycling Center (recycle@u.washington.edu or call 206-685-2811).

Husky Stadium Ahead on Recycling



At football games, you may have noticed new boxes for recycling near Husky Stadium entrances and in parking lots. The white corrugated boxes with green lettering have two holes in the lid to accommodate aluminum cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

The boxes have been a successful addition. After the Michigan game, we recovered 1.5 tons of recyclable containers. Fans have been great at keeping inappropriate material such as plastic or paper cups, food, and paper items out of the boxes. As the season winds down, remember to bring your recyclable beverage containers out of the stadium and recycle them in the boxes. Thanks for recycling, Husky fans!

November 15: America Recycles Day

November 15, 2001 is America Recycles Day. The purpose of America Recycles Day is to promote social, environmental, and economic benefits of buying recycled products and recycling. In 2000, 3.3 million people in 50 states pledged to increase their recycling efforts and purchasing of recycled-content products, such as paper. To make an online recycling pledge, go to www.americarecyclesday.org. The web site has additional event information.



Sharps and Laboratory Glass

Departments that generate sharps and/or laboratory glass must dispose of these materials appropriately. These materials must never go into the regular waste or recycling containers. Sharps are instruments used to puncture, cut, or scrape body parts, such as needles, lancets, scalpel blades, glass pasteur pipettes, dental scalers, and razor



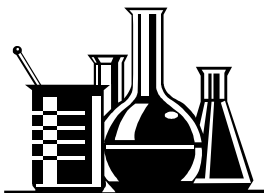
blades. Sharps must be autoclaved in red, rigid plastic containers that are leak-proof and puncture-resistant. Place autoclave tape over the biohazard symbol before autoclaving. The tape and containers can be purchased from University Stores

(206-543-1980 or www.washington.edu/admin/stores).

The term "laboratory glass" describes any item that could puncture regular waste bags and includes plasticware. Lab glass must be

placed in sturdy cardboard boxes, labeled with the room number and principle investigator's name, and sealed with special "laboratory glass" tape. The boxes and tape are available at South Campus

Stores (206-543-3610). For more information on legal disposal of sharps and laboratory glass, see the Environmental Health and Safety website, www.ehs.washington.edu/LabSaf/sharp.htm, or contact EH&S at 206-543-7278.



Recycling Through University Stores

Printer and copier toner cartridges

Some manufacturers enclose return address labels with the cartridge making it convenient to return the spent cartridge to them. However, the University has a toner cartridge-recycling contract, which is managed by University Stores. All brands of used cartridges from copiers, inkjet or laser printers, and faxes go to U. Stores. Label them "Stores - recycle" and give them to a Stores delivery person or take them to Upper Campus Stores. Do not return cartridges to the manufacturer through Mailing Services or place them in or near recycling bins or bagits.



Styrofoam packing "peanuts" In all buildings except the Health Sciences Building, U. Stores delivery staff take "peanuts" in clear plastic bags for recycling. In the H.S.B., you must take small-volume bags to Stores locations in the AA, B, and D wings. Offices with small volumes of "peanuts" can order 33" x 40" bags in quantities of 25 from Stores (item #0060-149).



Departments in the Health Sciences Building with large volumes of peanuts can contact the Recycling Center at 206-685-2811 or recycle@u.washington.edu to request large peanut bags and a stand. When a large peanut bag is full, it must be taken to the G-wing or K-wing loading dock for pickup.

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