



# THE RECYCLE REPORT

University of Washington  
Recycling Program

No. 26 Spring 2002



## What to put in the Gray Recycling Bin:

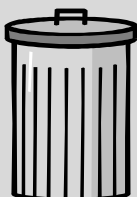
- Aluminum cans - do not crush
- #1 and #2 plastics – all colors (no bags)
- Glass bottles - all colors (no lab glass)
- Empty all bottles & remove lids.
- Steel (tin) cans – rinse, remove sharp lids.

Plastic containers must have one of these symbols on the bottom:



## What to put in the Waste Bin:

- Plastic dishes & eating utensils
- All plastic cups & lids
- #3 through #7 plastics
- Broken glass
- Ceramic cups
- Mirrors
- Sheets of plastic
- Plastic wrap
- Plastic bags (even #2)
- Trash & other contaminants



## Plastic and Glass Recycling

Since April 19<sup>th</sup>, the UW community has been recycling #1 and #2 plastics and glass bottles in the gray recycling bins in public areas of University-owned buildings on the Seattle campus. The gray bins were formerly for aluminum cans only.

When recycling these new items, please empty all bottles and remove the lids before placing them in the gray bins. Aluminum cans should not be crushed. Steel or “tin” cans, such as those used for soups or fruit, should also be rinsed. Remove any lids with sharp edges and put them in the trash. The cans do not need to be flattened or have their labels removed.

Throughout the spring and summer, UW Recycling Program staff will put new labels on the bins. There is no need to wait until the new labels are in place before you begin recycling #1 and #2 plastics and glass bottles in the gray bins.

Recycle any plastic container in the gray bin as long as it is stamped with #1 or #2 in the recycling triangle as shown at left. Any color of #1 or #2 plastic is okay. However, do not put any plastic bags in the bin even if they have a #2 recycling symbol.



Michelle McGowan, Recycling Program staff, informs a student about new plastic and glass recycling options.

Betty the Bottle makes an appearance at Earth Fair



For their support of our Earth Fair booth, the UW Recycling Program wishes to thank Patagonia Seattle, Coca-Cola, N.A.P.C.O.R., Waste Management, and Seattle Public Utilities.

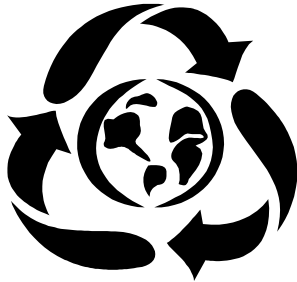
## UW Recycling Program Honored

The UW Recycling Program received the 2002 Recycler of the Year in the Institution category from the Washington State Recycling Association in May. The award resulted from the successful efforts of many on campus to expand recycling in parking lots around Husky Stadium during football games. Football season is just around the corner. Remember to recycle your cans and bottles, Husky fans.

## Recycling Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions

By reducing air and water pollution and saving energy, recycling offers an important environmental benefit. Recycling reduces emissions of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and chlorofluorocarbons that contribute to global climate change.

Recycling and composting reduce greenhouse gas by (1) decreasing the energy needed to make products from raw materials, (2) reducing emissions from incinerators and landfills, which are the largest source of methane gas emissions in the U.S., and (3) slowing the harvest of trees, thereby maintaining the carbon dioxide storage benefit provided by forests.



## Recycling for Special Events

During spring and summer, many campus groups sponsor fairs, celebrations, and other special events. If beverages are served, guests need a place to recycle empty containers. Throwing recyclables in the trash contributes to rising utility costs at the University. You can save money and the planet by recycling.

Plan ahead by submitting a special events recycling request. The online request form is at [www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/forms/special/special\\_event.html](http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/forms/special/special_event.html). Or contact the UW Recycling Program at [recycle@u.washington.edu](mailto:recycle@u.washington.edu) or 206-685-2811.

## Phonebook Recycling

Qwest Dex phonebooks were delivered the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. Faculty and staff in University buildings should take their outdated phonebooks to the designated phonebook pickup location for their building. **DO NOT PLACE PHONEBOOKS IN BAGITS.** Phonebook coordinators can request a recycling pickup when all the outdated phonebooks are in the pickup location. The online request form is at [www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/phone\\_pickup.html](http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/phone_pickup.html).

Faculty and staff in leased buildings should use the recycling services provided by the building management for their outdated phonebooks.

## THE RECYCLE REPORT

Published by  
Property and Transport Services  
Recycling Program  
Box 355210

Editorial Staff:  
Jan Kirkpatrick Boyd  
Anne Eskridge  
Julie Vorhes

- Program information and past issues of The Recycle Report are at [www.washington.edu/admin/recycling](http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling).
- Direct questions to [recycle@u.washington.edu](mailto:recycle@u.washington.edu) or (206)685-2811.
- Our mailing list is generated through a University database. We are unable to make individual changes.
- Request name or address changes centrally through your payroll coordinator.