

Other Recycling Efforts at SUNY Geneseo

Hazardous Waste Recycling:

SUNY Geneseo has a very successful program for recycling commonly occurring wastes that would otherwise meet the regulatory definition of "Hazardous Waste".

Batteries:

From watch batteries to Zamboni batteries, SUNY Geneseo recycles them all! Recycling of larger batteries is arranged through Facilities Services. Smaller batteries can be recycled in "Battery Buckets" in the following locations:

Clark Loading Dock
Bailey Loading Dock
Greene Second Floor
Newton CIT Equipment Room
Residence Life Office in Schrader



Please note that alkaline and carbon zinc "household batteries," such as AAA, C-sized or 9-volt batteries, are no longer manufactured with sufficient amounts of Mercury or other hazardous metals to be considered hazardous waste. As a result, domestically produced household batteries manufactured after 1993 may be disposed of as "regular trash".

Computers:

Because of the heavy metals used in circuitry (Mercury) and monitors (Lead) computers destined for disposal actually meet the definition of Hazardous Waste. The campus chooses to recycle the computer components rather than dispose of them. Contact CIT Help Desk (*5588) to initiate the computer recycling process.



Fluorescent Bulbs:

Fluorescent bulbs contain minute amounts of Mercury chemically bound in their phosphor (the white coating inside the glass). SUNY Geneseo contracts with a recycling firm that recycles the entire fluorescent bulb - the glass, the metal, and the Mercury!

Campus personnel should contact their County Solid Waste Agency for times/places of Household Hazardous Waste Days for hazardous waste generated from personal and other non-campus activities.

SUNY Geneseo Recipient of Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention

In 2002, SUNY Geneseo was awarded the NYS Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention for its efforts at recycling and reducing waste volumes. This award recognized SUNY Geneseo as an example of an organization with a facility-wide integrated approach to waste reduction and pollution prevention.

The NYSDEC webpage outlining the campus-wide environmental improvements made at the SUNY Geneseo campus can be found at:
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu/success/geneseo.html

SUNY Geneseo Participates in The Collegiate Readership Program

Through the Collegiate Readership Program, the NY Times, USA Today, and the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle are delivered to display racks in residence halls each morning. Students pick-up these newspapers at their convenience throughout the day and return the newspaper to the racks after reading them.

When the next morning's papers are delivered, papers that have been returned to the rack are recycled through the Collegiate Readership Program recycling efforts.



Information for Your Environment:



Campus Recycling

- What does the campus recycle?
- What are those blue bins?
- What do I do with my paper and other recyclables?



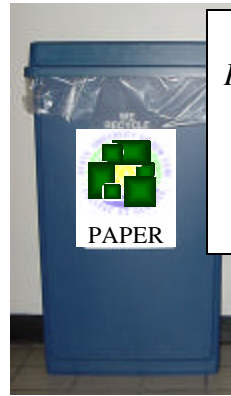
What is recycled at SUNY Geneseo?

The Blue Recycling Bins in each academic building and the metal containers in each Residence Hall are collection bins for the following recyclables:

- Paper
- Glass/Plastic/Metal

Why can't we use Blue Bins in Residence Halls?

Fire Code requires covered, metal (or other fire-rated) containers for combustible materials (like paper or plastic) in residential dwellings. It also requires the containers NOT be in stair wells, corridors or other areas that would be used as an exit in an emergency.



The Blue Recycling Bins are common sites in Academic Buildings.



One of these totes is located at each campus building for cardboard recycling.

Paper: All varieties and colors of paper may be placed in the blue bins/metal cans for recycling.

Glass/Plastic/Metal: Classified as "Commingled Containers" within the Recycling Industry.

Glass: All types of glass can be recycled through the campus recycling program *except tempered glass*. Tempered glass, (Pyrex, for example) is treated for high temperature uses and is therefore difficult to remelt.

Plastic: The campus recycler accepts plastic marked with the numbers 1 or 2 in the small recycling labels. The one exception to this is the thin plastic Wegmans and Wal-Mart bags. These bags may be recycled at the originating store(s).

Metals: Household metals, such as soup cans, coffee cans, and copper wire are accepted for recycling. Large metal items may be recycled by writing a Work Order for Facilities Services pickup. Rechargeable batteries should be recycled as specified on the reverse side. Household batteries may be disposed of as regular trash and should not be placed in the blue bins.

Cardboard: Waste cardboard should be flattened and placed in the large cardboard recycling totes located on the ground floor of each campus building. Pizza boxes, or other cardboard items that may contain food scraps should be scraped as clean as possible prior to being placed in the totes.



Recycling Roles and Responsibilities - Who Does What?

Students, faculty and staff

Place recyclables in the appropriate blue bin or metal container. Use of small office boxes and residence hall room collection bins can reduce the number of trips to the blue bins or metal cans. Place cardboard in the large wheeled tote in each building designated for that purpose. **Food or other garbage on or in an item renders it non-recyclable.** Please dispose of items used for eating or otherwise "contaminated" with food in the regular trash.

Custodial Staff

Take recyclables from blue bins and metal cans to designated pick-up location on an as needed basis. (Please note that while custodians do empty regular trash containers, the responsibility for emptying individual room recycling containers into the blue bins or metal cans lies with the room occupants).

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Pick-up recyclables from designated locations and truck to Waste Management containers on west edge of campus.



Recycling at SUNY Geneseo involves campus personnel making a voluntary commitment to take their recyclables to the blue bins or residence hall collection containers.