

RECYCLING BASICS

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DUAL-STREAM RECYCLING

In the Fall 2018, UNO switched its recycling program from a single-stream recycling (SSR) program to a dual-stream recycling (DSR) program. Dual-stream recycling is a program that collects corrugated cardboard products separately from other mixed recyclables (plastics, metals, and paper). This differs from single-stream recycling which involves placing all recyclable materials into the same container.

This change is due to recent modifications at First Star Recycling, influenced by the changing global market for recyclables and high contamination rates. This guide provides an explanation of the two streams along with examples of items accepted in the DSR program.

While not all recyclable materials are accepted in the DSR program, there are methods of recycling those items in Omaha.

- Glass: There are a number of drop locations in the area to recycle glass. For a list of locations, visit <http://wasteline.org/recycling-information/recycling-drop-off-locations/>
- Plastic Bags: Numerous retailers, such as Hy-Vee and Target, have drop boxes for plastic bags and film. To find the nearest location, visit <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/>
- Other Recyclables: For a list of how and where to recycle other items, such as batteries, eyeglasses, and clothing, visit <http://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/resources/recycling-reuse-guide.html>

CARDBOARD

All corrugated cardboard (e.g. shipping boxes, pizza boxes, etc.) is collected in a separate **CARDBOARD ONLY** dumpster.

- Cardboard boxes should be clean and dry.
- Cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed behind-or-near the closest recycling bin or outside collection site.
 - Please do not attempt to place boxes in recycling bin.
- If you have generated a large amount of cardboard, please contact Facilities Management and Planning to arrange a pick-up.



MIXED RECYCLABLES

Paper, metal, and plastic may be placed together in the recycling bins around campus. There is no need to separate each item. This guide provides examples of the items accepted in UNO's mixed recyclables containers. For a more complete list of materials accepted, visit <http://firststarrecycling.com/recycle-guide/>.

PAPER

Almost all clean paper, including but not limited to:

- Magazines/Catalogues
- Newspaper
- Mail
- Paperback Books
- Office Paper
- Colored Paper
- Notebook Paper
- Envelopes
- Paper Bags
- Drink Boxes



METAL

Aluminum and steel (tin) items, including but not limited to:

- Food Cans
- Beverage Cans
- Aluminum Bottles
- Tin Cans
- Steel Cans



PLASTICS

Plastic bottles, cups, caps, lids, food containers, and packaging with the numbers: #1, #2, #3, #5, including but not limited to:

- Water Bottles
- Soda Bottles
- Food Containers
- Juice Bottles
- Cookie Trays
- Reusable Food Storage Containers
- Disposable Food Storage Containers
- Microwave Meal Trays
- Lotion Bottles
- Spray Bottles
- Soap Dispensers
- DVD/CD Cases

