

The more you **recycle**, the less goes to **landfill**.

cling film
foil



tin foil

fruit
vegetables



fruit & vegetables

caps corks
tops lids
pumps
please rinse



caps, corks, tops
lids, pumps

coffee
cups
plastic
wrappers



coffee cups
plastic wrappers

black
plastic
microwave
ready meal
dishes



black plastic

meat
bones
fish
dairy
tea bags
coffee grounds
bread
pastries



meat, bones, fish
dairy, bread

black rubbish bin (landfill)



STUDENT WASTE GUIDE

ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS



cardboard
thin boxes
cereal
ready meals
corrugated
thick cardboard
egg boxes
kitchen and
toilet roll tubes
flatten
cardboard
boxes and tubes
remove
inner packaging



cardboard

mixed
glass
bottles
jars
rinse
no tops
corks or caps
labels
can be left on
all colours
accepted



mixed glass
bottles & jars

cartons
milk
juice
smoothie
cartons
fabric conditioner
soup
chopped tomatoes
custard
rinse
no need to
squash cartons
plastic spouts
can be left on



cartons

food
tins
drink
cans
aerosols
sweet tins
biscuit tins
metal lids
rinse
push sharp
lids inside tins
labels
can be left on
no need to
squash



food tins &
drink cans

paper
newspapers
magazines
Phone directories
journals
catalogues
brochures
junk mail
leaflets
greetings cards
letters
envelopes
shredded paper
keep paper
flat
remove plastic
wrappers
you can
compost
your shredded paper
at home



paper

plastic
bottles
drinks
cleaning
bleach
detergent
fabric conditioner
yoghurt
pots
cream and custards
ice cream tubs
soups and sauce
margarine
containers
fruit and vegetable
punnets
meat and fish
cake and pastry
trays
egg boxes
labels can be left on
rinse
bottles and
containers
no black plastic
tops or caps
no need to squash



plastic bottles
& containers

green recycle bin

If you're a student residing in halls on St John's Campus, the following may answer some of your questions.

1. What do I do with my rubbish and recycling?

Please use the Green and Black clearly-labelled bags or bins provided in your kitchen for the collection of your rubbish and recycling. It is a mixed recycling service – you do not need to separate the materials and this leaflet gives clear information on what can and cannot be recycled. Empty the bags into the external bins when full, and re-use them.

You will find black large wheelie bins for the disposal of all rubbish in the bin stores adjacent to your halls. All the mixed recyclables should be deposited in the clearly-labelled green large wheelie bins which can be found in the bin stores in Bishop Bosel and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, in the St John's Halls compound or behind Chandler, Avon and Ledbury Halls. *Click here for a map showing recycling and rubbish bin locations.*

2. What happens to my recycling?

Your recycling is collected from the University and taken to Worcestershire County Council's new sorting facility called EnviroSort which is located at Norton on the outskirts of the city. Here it is sorted mechanically and the separated materials are baled and sent to reprocessing companies across the country where they are made into new products.

Click here to watch a video about the recycling process.

3. Do I need to squash plastic bottles, cans and cartons and scrunch up my paper?

No. All recycling should be left loose, clean and in its natural form. Please do not put your recycling in black sacks or plastic shopping bags. The main separator at EnviroSort works by separating flat things (paper and card) from 3D things (cans and bottles). That's why we ask you not to squash or scrunch them.

4. Do I have to wash out plastic and glass bottles, cans and cartons?

Yes please. Rinsing helps with the sorting and reduces time spent by EnviroSort staff cleaning your rubbish. If you're at home in your kitchen, please rinse your bottles, jars, cans and cartons before recycling. If you're in the library or a classroom, please make sure that your drinks bottles and cans are at least empty before you recycle them.

5. Can I recycle wrapping paper?

All coloured paper, card and cardboard can be recycled but only certain types of wrapping paper can be recycled. However, if the paper has metallic images / patterns and cannot be easily ripped it cannot be recycled as this type of paper often contains plastic. Also, wrapping paper which is very thin and the printing can be easily seen on the blank side cannot be recycled as it cannot be "de-inked" at the mill.

6. Can I recycle the take-away paper cups I buy in the dining hall and cafes? No. At the moment, the coffee cups cannot be recycled – but the lids can.

7. Why can't I put black and brown plastic and plastic film into my recycling collection?

All clear plastic items can be recycled and are sorted by optical scanners which use the reflection of light to identify the types of plastics. Black and brown plastic used in microwave food trays and brown drinks bottles doesn't reflect light, so can not be seen and sorted by the scanners and could end up contaminating other materials. Plastic film causes technical issues with the automated sorting equipment, causing miss-sorting and the rejection of otherwise good materials.

8. Can I recycle plastic bottle tops?

No. Bottle tops are difficult to separate from your other recycling as they are normally very small. Additionally, bottle tops can cause problems when the plastic bottles are baled for storing and transporting. If a bottle has its top still on it may not squash down and can create damaging air pockets in bales which can cause bales to explode, posing a danger to those working at EnviroSort and at the plastic bottle reprocessors. Please dispose of bottle tops in the rubbish bags/bins.

9. Can I place other glass objects like light bulbs and dishes in my recycling?

No, only bottles and jars can be placed in your recycling. Other items, such as ceramic and glass dishes, are made of a different type of glass to bottles and jars and should be safely disposed off.

10. Can I put large metal sweet and biscuit tins in my recycling?

Yes, you can put large metal sweet and biscuit tins in your recycling. Please ensure the tin is empty and place the lid on the tin. Remember there is no need to squash the tin.

11. What else can I recycle at the University?

In addition to the mixed recycling scheme, recycling banks for textiles and shoes and bottles are located near the security office in the St John's Halls. Household batteries, mobile phones, inkjet and toner cartridges can be recycled across the campus. *Click here for a map of toner recycling points.* Tin foil banks are available around the city.

12. Who do I contact if I have any questions?

You can talk to the University Community Development Workers, your cleaner, or Tom Taylor, Head of Security and Campus Services if you have any questions about waste and recycling. Email t.taylor@worc.ac.uk. Or visit (follow the links) the University of Worcester Sustainability Website at: www.worc.ac.uk/discover/sustainability



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