

What traditionally happens to the bottles, cans and paper that are tossed into the campus recycling bins located in the academic and administrative buildings on campus? Here's a simple breakdown:

Bottles, cans and paper are placed by students, faculty & staff into a small recycling container.



**Items acceptable for recycling:** Paper: newspaper, office and school paper, phone books, magazines, catalogs and paperback books, brown grocery bags, cardboard and chipboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes and other gray paperboard), and shredded paper. Aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans. Glass bottles and jars, Empty, non hazardous aerosol containers. Plastic bottles: Only those with a neck or pouring spout and with the recycling logo.

**The following should NOT be placed in the recycling containers:** Foil and foil coated items. Wax coated boxes or cartons. Food contaminated boxes, e.g. pizza boxes. Plastic bags, pails, trays, tubs and lids. Hardcover books. Mugs, glasses, vases, bulbs. Motor oil, lubricants, paint, and pesticide containers



Housekeeping staff, equipped with janitorial carts that have large trash bins attached to them, bag up the recycled items from the small trash containers and toss the bag into their janitorial cart bins. For efficiency purposes, they may also bag up the trash items within each room.



After they have visited each room assigned to them (or once the cart bin is full), they empty the bags into garbage dumpsters located in the building Trash & Recycling Room or loading dock.



Staff members from the Move & Waste Management Department visit the Trash & Recycling Rooms (or loading docks) and empty the dumpsters into the back of our campus garbage/box truck. After the Move & Waste Management team completes their daily garbage route, they empty out the box truck, carefully separating the bags of trash from the bags of recycling. While a great deal of sorting may occur prior to this step in the Recycling Process, it is during this step that the majority of sorting occurs.



Recyclable items are placed in recycling compactors. These are serviced by our external waste management vendor, Waste Management, who utilize a recycling process called Single Stream Recycling. Using their "One Source Recycling Center", they sort out recyclable items from one another.



In 2009 we recycled 402,645 lbs. of cans, bottles, cardboard, mixed paper and food scraps\*. So far in 2010, we have recycled 109,160 lbs.

\* Food scraps are collected from Sodexo and placed in the composter behind University Hall. The compost is then used in landscaping projects around campus.



We have been involved with Recyclemania since 2005. <http://www.recyclemania.org/>

For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.montclair.edu/facilities/fs/move.html>