



## OTHER WAYS TO RECYCLE

TerraCycle is an innovative recycling company that works with brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help consumers collect and recycle their waste. The organization has created an easy and free alternative to throwing out non-recyclable or hard-to-recycle materials by converting them into new products. As of now, the College of Charleston is a part of the Personal Care and Beauty Recycling Program, Tom's of Maine Natural Care Recycling Program, and the Writing Instruments Recycling Program.

We are currently accepting these items:

- Hair care packaging (i.e. shampoo containers and caps, hair spray triggers, hair gel tubes and caps)
- Skin care packaging (i.e. lip balm tubes and caps, soap dispensers, body wash containers and caps, lotion dispensers and caps)
- Cosmetic packaging (i.e. lipstick cases, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, eyeliner pencils, foundation packaging)
- Writing implements (i.e. pens, pencils, markers)
- Non-electric office supplies (i.e. tape desk organizers, card and document filers, binders, calendars, labels, staplers, hole punchers, dividers, paper cutters, and correction supplies, paper clips, staples, and binder clips, and discarded backing from sticker and label sheets)



After emptying and rinsing out your waste containers, you should also sort your hard-to-recycle items into the listed categories and place them in the designated bins located outside of the Office of Sustainability.



### STAY IN TOUCH

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[zerowaste.cofc.edu](http://zerowaste.cofc.edu)

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## BATTERIES, PRINTER CARTRIDGES, ELECTRONICS, ETC.

We collect hard-to-recycle items all over campus!

ADDLESTONE LIBRARY	Third Floor Copy Room
LIGHTSEY CENTER	1st Floor Lobby Near Book Store
RITA HOLLINGS	Second floor near elevator
STERN CENTER	1st Floor Lobby Behind Stairs
EDUCATION CENTER	1st Floor Main Entrance Near Elevator

# ZERO WASTE



**BORROW A RECYCLING BIN  
FOR YOUR RESIDENCE HALL  
& LEARN HOW TO RECYCLE  
OTHER ITEMS**

## ABOUT ZERO WASTE

The majority of industrialized societies in the world indulge in extreme levels of consumption. Many of the products that we consume are designed with single-use intention. After being used, the majority of our materials find their way into a landfill or perpetually trapped in one of the oceans' gyres. Going Zero Waste is about reducing your impact on the world by finding alternatives to single-use consumption, and by understanding the inputs and outputs (human, natural, and otherwise) that are involved in everything that we consume.



The Office of Sustainability's Zero Waste Team has spearheaded the College of Charleston's goal of becoming Zero Waste by 2025. This will mean that at least 90% of the "waste" the campus generates will either be recycled or composted. Do your part by separating your recyclables and keeping them out of landfills! That's where we come in; borrow one of our free bins for the semester to make separation a breeze!



## BORROW A RECYCLING BIN FROM THE OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY!

1. Email [ZeroWaste@cofc.edu](mailto:ZeroWaste@cofc.edu) or call (843) 953-0749 to set up a time to get your bin.
2. Come to the Office of Sustainability at 14 Green Way to sign up with our Zero Waste Interns. It should only take 5 minutes or so.
3. Use your bin for glass, clean plastics, paper, & cardboard.
4. At the end of the semester, clean out your bin and return to 14 Green Way.

You can return your bin anytime but it must be back before the last day of Move-Out weekend.

## TO ENSURE MATERIAL IS RECYCLED

- Please rinse containers. This can contaminate the recycling process!
- Bring recyclables to designated areas of your residence hall.

Visit [zerowaste.cofc.edu](http://zerowaste.cofc.edu) to find your designated area.

- Make sure to keep your recycling bin clean to avoid pests!

## SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER

- WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT! Improper recycling, or "wish-cycling," causes contamination and does more harm than good.
- Charleston County only accepts #1 and #2 labeled plastics.
- Recycling markets may change! Contact [ZeroWaste@cofc.edu](mailto:ZeroWaste@cofc.edu) if you have any questions or want the latest updates!

### What to recycle:

Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs & jars  
Aluminum and steel cans  
Mixed paper & cardboard  
Glass bottles & jars

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

- Leave plastic bottle caps screwed on
- DO NOT recycle thin plastic films, wraps, or plastic bags of any sort
- DO NOT recycle greasy pizza boxes.
- DO NOT crush aluminum cans!