

Hey Wildcats! Here are some tips on how to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

*Did you know waste in Ellensburg gets trucked 80 miles to the East Wenatchee Landfill? Here's how to reduce the waste you generate:*

## **REDUCE**

- When you pick up food, make sure to get only what you'll eat. If you have leftovers, bring a container with you so you can eat the food later.
- Avoid single-use food and drink containers and utensils. Carry your own reusable cutlery and straws.
- Avoid over-packaged products
- Use less paper-based items. Consider using a digital calendar, take notes digitally, and get digital receipts.

## **REUSE**

- Buy secondhand furniture and clothes
- Purchase products made from recycled materials
- Use cloth napkins and towels instead of disposable paper napkins/towels
- Use apps such as OfferUp, Craigslist, or Facebook Marketplace to find needed items
- Instead of throwing out clothes/household items, take it to a donation center:

APOYO address: 1320 E 18th Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Goodwill address: 400 W Washington Ave, Ellensburg, WA 98926

## **RECYCLE**

What can be recycled in the CWU Residence Halls?

*Each CWU Residence Hall has recycling bins next to the dumpsters.*

The following goes into the blue mixed recycling bins (Figure 1):

- Clean Paper (newspaper, cereal boxes, printer paper, mail, notebook paper)
- Clean Metal (Tin and aluminum cans)
- Clean Plastic (bottles without caps)

Heavy corrugated cardboard goes in a separate bin.

Cannot be placed in recycling bins (Figure 3):

- Glass
  - Plates and utensils
  - Food waste
  - Styrofoam
  - Anything with a greasy food residue (NO PIZZA BOXES).
  - No plastic bags allowed in recycling bins. These can be recycled by returning them to a grocery store (Figure 2)
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- Make sure to clean out any items before recycling them
  - Keep a small bin in your room so you have separation for your recyclables and garbage
  - If you have old/used batteries, drop them off with the information desk in the SURC

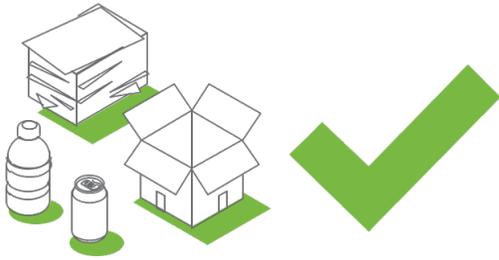


Figure 1: Recycle clean cans, bottles, cardboard, and paper.

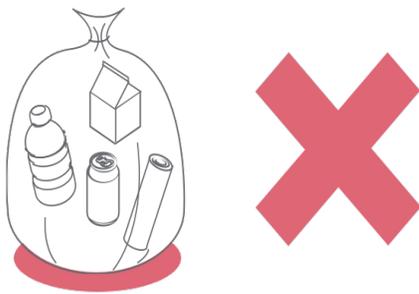


Figure 2: Do not put your recyclables in the recycling dumpster in a plastic bag! Recyclables need to be loose.

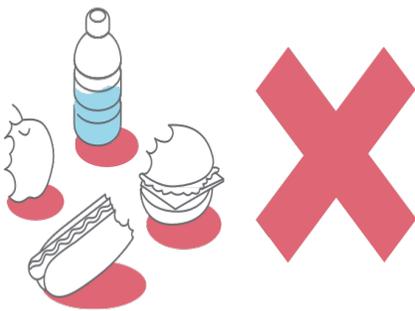


Figure 3: Do not put food or food contaminated recyclables in the recycling bins.