

CAMPUS GUIDE TO RECYCLING & WASTE DISPOSAL



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Denison is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. To that end, Denison operates an extensive campus recycling program to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and to utilize resources in a more responsible manner. We recognize, however, that recycling is only one part of the issue. To move toward a more sustainable campus, Denison also must strive to reduce its consumption and waste in all aspects of campus operations.

Recycling is good – but there are other important steps we can take. Practicing the Five R’s – reduce, reuse, recycle, rot and respect – is one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and lessen our ecological footprint.

PRACTICING THE 5Rs

REDUCE



Reduce - Reduce your waste and your “ecological footprint;” bring your own bags when you shop; buy items with less packaging, only buy what you need.

REUSE



Reuse - Reuse products instead of throwing them away; donate items to thrift or charity stores; find “new” items on Craigslist.org and Freecycle.org or at neighborhood garage sales.

RECYCLE



Recycle - Choose to recycle everything that is recyclable; don’t throw something in the trash without checking first to see if it is recyclable or reusable.

ROT



Rot (Compost) – By composting food scraps and yard waste you reduce waste and create valuable nutrients that can be put back into the soil.

RESPECT



Respect - Respecting the environment means making conscious decisions about reducing, recycling, and reusing.

This guide offers resources and information on recycling and proper waste disposal. Each member of the Denison Community is responsible for doing his or her part.

“The case for recycling is strong. The bottom line is clear. Recycling requires a trivial amount of our time. Recycling saves money and reduces pollution. Recycling creates more jobs than landfilling or incineration. And a largely ignored but very important consideration, recycling reduces our need to dump our garbage in someone else's backyard.”

David Morris of the Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Quick Reference Guide

What can be recycled in a campus recycling bin?

RECYCLE THESE:

Combine recyclables into a campus recycling container. No need separate items unless specifically labeled.

PLASTICS

Bottles, jugs, tubs and cups



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

PAPER



Boxes should be broken down.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color.

METAL CANS & CUPS



Non-hazardous & non-flammable items only.

CARTONS



Remove caps & straws.

NOT THESE:

Please keep these items out of the recycling bins. They can be dangerous to our staff, damage equipment and disrupt our campus recycling process.

- Plastic Bags
- Food Waste
- Batteries
- Clothes & Rags
- Dishware
- Toys
- Ropes
- Chemicals
- Electronics
- Needles
- Cords/Wire
- Belts
- Pots & Pans
- Window Glass
- Light Bulbs
- Hangers
- Hazardous Items
- Needles
- Solo Cups
- Ceramic Mugs
- Styrofoam
- Packing Peanuts
- Bubble Wrap
- Candy Wrappers

Denison Recycling & Disposal Guide

Item	Where to Recycle/Dispose
Aerosol Cans – <i>empty cans only</i>	Campus Recycling Receptacles
Aluminum, Metal, and Bi-Metal Cans & Cups	Campus Recycling Receptacles
Batteries (rechargeable & cell phone)	Labeled Boxes – Library, Physical Plant Reception Desk, Office Services Doane Basement, Barney-Davis 1 st Floor, Olin 3 rd Floor, Bryant Arts 3 rd Floor
Carton Containers (paperboard containers containing items such as milk, juice, fabric softener, soup and broth)	Campus Recycling Receptacles
CDs, DVDs, Floppy Disks, Jewel Cases, Microfilm, Microfiche	Library Circulation Desk Level 3 or the Denison Community Recycling Center
Computers, Computer Equipment, Electronics, small electric appliances, NO TV's or Refrigerators	Denison Community Recycling Center Mon-Fri from 8:00am – 2:30pm
Corrugated Cardboard, Paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes) and frozen food containers	Campus Recycling Receptacles <i>Larger quantities can be placed by the receptacle or you can call the Physical Plant x6265 for pick-up</i>
CFL Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes located on campus	Denison Physical Plant <i>Contact Building Services x6265 for pick-up or instructions</i>
Glass – <i>bottles and jars only</i>	Campus Recycling Receptacles
Mixed Paper (glossy, colored, office, newspaper, envelopes, magazines, junk mail, post-its, etc.)	Campus Recycling Receptacles
Office Paper – <i>only one side used</i>	Reuse these in your copiers to print drafts and/or Campus Recycling Receptacles
Plastic Bottles, Cups, Jugs & Tubs	Campus Recycling Receptacles
Scrap Metal	Physical Plant designated dumpsters <i>Contact Facilities Services x6265 before dropping-off items</i>
Sharps (syringes, medical supplies, etc.)	Safety & Security Lobby P1 <i>If you have questions contact Steve Gauger – Director of Risk management and Env. Health & Safety – gaugers@denison.edu</i>
Toner and Ink Cartridges (e.g. inkjet, laser printers, copiers)	Office Services Doane Basement and labeled boxes in various campus buildings

Collection of recyclables is intended for campus-generated items unless noted otherwise

Please direct questions and concerns to:
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Community Resources

The Granville & Denison Community Recycling Center, across from the Physical Plant, will accept select recyclable items from your home, however, there are some items that cannot be recycled or disposed of through current operations. Fortunately, there are a number of local organizations and companies that accept a wide variety of materials for recycling and proper disposal. Please consult the list below for these items and check out the [Licking County Recycling Guide](#).

Local Recyclers/Reusers

Item	Where to Recycle/Dispose	
Appliances & Freon (Freon is Fee-based)	Appliance Sales & Service 230 East Main St. Newark 740-349-0595	Crispin Auto Wrecking 629 New Haven Rd. Newark 740-345-4730
Auto Batteries	Auto Zone 627 Hebron Rd. Heath 740-788-9097	Advance Auto Parts 1127 Mount Vernon Rd. Newark 740-366-0040
Batteries (Recyclable)	Lowe's, Staples, and Home Depot Stores	
Cell Phones & MP3 Players	Staples, Best Buy, & Target	
Clothing	Goodwill Industries 65 South 5th St. Newark 740-345-9861	St. Vincent DePaul Society 161 Union St. Newark 740-349-8425
Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs)	Home Depot and Lowe's Stores	
Construction Debris/Concrete	Elm Recycling 1242 Mt. Vernon Road Newark, Ohio 43055 740-366-3340	
Grocery Bags	Kroger, Giant Eagle, Meijer, Wal-Mart & The Ross Market	
Metals (Misc.)	Crispin Auto Wrecking 629 New Haven Rd. Newark 740-345-4730	Legend Smelting & Recycling 923 Buckeye Ave. Newark 740-344-2387
Motor Oil	Auto Zone 1275 North 21st St. Newark 740-366-7770	Advance Auto Parts 744 Hebron Rd. Heath 740-522-1881
Plastic Plant Containers (pots & hanging baskets)	Lowe's & Home Depot Stores (call first to make sure)	
Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs	The Campus Recycling Center and/or any Licking County Recycling Center	
Styrofoam Packing Peanuts	Express Pack' N Ship 299 Deo Drive Newark 740-366-1325	
Tires	Goodyear Tire Center Newark 740-366-4695 Heath 740-522-1181	
Wood Waste and Pallets	Hope Timber 2135 West Main St. Newark 740-522-6558	Pak Mail 573 Hebron Rd. Heath 740-522-2564
Yard Waste – <i>you are encouraged to start your own compost</i>	The Compost Farm 7795 Jersey Mill Road Alexandria 740-924-4202	

CALL FIRST for hours of operation and any further information