

## University of Richmond Recycling Quiz Answer Key

### 1. Is glass recyclable?

Yes, all glass products are recyclable. Make sure they are free from any liquid, solid, or food debris. Although many municipalities are eliminating glass from recycling, UR is still accepting glass. Glass recycling can be found in all buildings, residence halls, and bins outside; usually the bins are a blue color.

### 2. Can UR recycle mixed paper (cardboard food containers, newspaper, wax-lined cups)?

Yes, mixed paper can be recycled at UR. Make sure the food containers, paper plates, or plastic plates are not heavily soiled with food debris. The bins are blue and located all throughout campus outside, in all buildings, apartments, and residence halls.

### 3. Are lithium batteries recyclable at UR?

No, lithium batteries and lithium ion batteries are not recyclable. However, we do recycle other kinds of batteries such as alkaline, carbon-zinc, Nicad, NiMH, silver oxide, small non-spillable lead acid, and mercury batteries. You can find this special recycling bin as you immediately enter the main entrance of the Boatwright library.

It is best to save lithium and other non-recyclable batteries for the Office of Sustainability's e-waste event in March. Best Buy and Staples also accept batteries electronics for disposal. The landfill bin is the final option, however, it is discouraged.

### 4. Can plastic bags be recycled on campus?

No, University of Richmond recycling does not accept plastic bags. Plastic bags, wrap, and film require a different collection and processing system from other recyclables. At this time, the university does not offer these services. However, reusing plastic bags or using a non-plastic reusable bag can greatly reduce or eliminate the need for plastic bags. You can find these reusable bags in many grocery stores and other retail providers. You can also find recycling locations at stores near you through [A Bag's Life](#).

### 5. What about a greasy pizza box?

No. In order to be recycled efficiently, the pizza box would need to be free of food debris and have minimal grease or oil. Food debris or a substantial amount of grease would interfere with the recycling process and could send the item to the landfill.



This also applies to other food containers made of recycled materials including to-go boxes and clear plastic containers at ETC, Lou's, Passport Café, and The Cellar.

**6. How about all those electronics you don't want anymore?**

Yes, they are recyclable on campus; however, they are considered part of special recycling. Electronics that still work can be recycled at Donation Stations found in the laundry rooms of all residence halls and the Goodwill Donation Bins located next to Marsh Hall and behind Lora Robins Hall. Consider bringing them to the annual e-waste event in March. Staples and Best Buy will also accept them.

**7. What about those oh-so-useful straws at 815, Lou's, and etc?**

No, at this time, the University does not offer services to recycle these straws. They are made of materials that would require separate collection and processing. Consider using a metal utensil to stir your drink, or bring your own utensils to be reused.

**8. Are inkjet and laser printer cartridges recyclable?**

No, the University does not currently provide services to recycle these items. However, please consider going paperless if possible. Instead of printing out readings for class, you can read from your laptop or e-reader.

**9. Are home furnishings (sofa, kitchen supplies, mattresses, etc) recyclable at UR?**

Yes, home furniture, appliances, decorations, clothing, and etc. can be donated to Donation Stations found in the laundry rooms of all residence halls and the Goodwill Donation Bins located next to Marsh Hall and Lora Robins Hall. Old tennis shoes can be recycled at the gym, this desk can be found near the front desk. You can also donate items to the annual Big Yard Sale at the end of each spring semester.

**10. Can 815's Starbucks plastic-lined paper cups be recycled?**

No, the University does not accept these cups as recyclable. The plastic lining inside the Starbucks cups found at 815 would require different collection and processing.

**11. Can you recycle aluminum products on campus?**

Yes, the University accepts these as recyclables. These bins are usually blue and are found in all buildings, residence halls, and throughout campus outside. Be sure to empty all liquid or debris from the product, as this can interfere with the recycling process.

