

FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD RECYCLE

1. **We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.** - Native American Proverb.
2. **Recycling saves natural resources.** By making products from recycled materials, less raw materials have to be used and this will help save the amount of natural resources for the future.
3. **Recycling saves energy.** It takes less energy to make recycled products and less toxic substances are used.
4. **Recycling saves the environment.** By reducing the amount of energy used, recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps prevent global climate change.
5. **Recycling creates jobs.** By converting waste into recycled products, recycling creates jobs. By supporting businesses that provide goods and services to the recycling efforts, we benefit the economy.

*Keep the future in mind! Recycling will improve the quality of life for future generations.

Facts about recycling at Alvernia

- The Environmental Club started in the fall of 2008 to promote recycling efforts. Check out their website at <http://auenvironmentalclub.webs.com>
- The Green Team is comprised of faculty, staff, and students to help promote sustainability efforts.
- Through recycling efforts the campus has recycled tonnage that exceeded 75 tons in 2008.
- Alvernia will utilize accepted environmentally sensitive methods, and procedures when designing new building projects and when renovating existing facilities.
- Alvernia is a new member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.



"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." -St. Francis of Assisi

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ALVERNIA RECYCLING GUIDELINES



Alvernia is taking an active role in preserving the environment. Students, staff, and faculty are working together to create a green campus. The recycling program encourages the campus to reduce the amount of waste used, to reuse all that we can, and begin to purchase green and environmentally friendly items.

The continued success of our efforts depends on the support of each member of the Alvernia community. It is important that all of us make the effort to increase the amount of material we recycle on campus. Please read this recycling guide carefully, and post it as a reminder.



ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY RECYCLING GUIDE

Material	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	How to Recycle
Cans	Aluminum, Steel, and bi-metal cans	Aluminum Foil	Placed into bins labeled Commingled Recyclables.
Glass	Clear, brown, and green glass bottles	Caps on Bottles, Blue Glass, Other types of glass	Placed into bins labeled Commingled Recyclables.
Plastic Bottles	Plastic #1 and # 2 Bottles	Plastics containing oil, Plastics # 3-7	Place into Green Bins marked for Plastics #1 and # 2
Mixed Paper	All paper products: white and colored paper, newspapers, etc.	Paper plates, napkins, tissues, used pizza boxes or coffee cups	Places into Blue Bins marked for Cardboard and Mixed Paper Only
Rechargeable Batteries	Rechargeable Nickel-Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), Lithium Ion (Li Ion), and Lead Acid (Pb Acid) batteries weighing less than 2 pounds each	Non-rechargeable batteries; Batteries weighing more than 2 pounds; Alkaline batteries; Lithium (Li) only batteries	Place in the brown and green Call2Recycle boxes (one battery per plastic bag - can be up to 11 pounds)
Cell Phones	Cell phones (any type, any model) with or without the battery		Place in the brown and green Call2Recycle boxes (one cell phone per plastic bag)

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