How to Compost

Did you know? Emory University uses industrial composting—many things that you may not compost at home are compostable here!

Compostable
- All food waste and scraps (including meat, dairy, cooked food)
- Tea bags, coffee grounds and paper filters
- Napkins, paper towels & tissues
- Beige compostable filmware
- Paper cups and paper to-go containers (including waxed)
- Any cup or container labeled “compostable”
- Wood coffee stirrers
- Pizza boxes (and other cardboard or paper-based food containers with grease or food waste that cannot be removed)
- Anything made from organic matter!

If YES
Put container and food into compost bin

Is your container compostable?

NOT Compostable
REPLACE ALL Food

RECYCLING
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic coffee stirrers & straws
- Plastic to-go containers
- White or brown paper bags (if contaminated with food waste, put into compost instead)
- Glass bottles and aluminum

ALSO PLACE IN RECYCLING
- Plastic-coated tea packets
- Cocoa packets
- Chip/ Snack wrappers
- Condiment packets

TRASH
- Styrofoam (not recycled)

If NO
- Scrape food into compost bin
- Recycle the container (or put in trash if Styrofoam)

Comments? Questions about what to compost or recycle?

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PLEASE KEEP THIS POSTER FOR REFERENCE.
RECYCLE IT WHEN YOU NO LONGER NEED IT.
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HOW TO RECYCLE / COMPOST IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL

As ALL of you will know before the end of orientation, Emory has made a commitment to becoming a more sustainable university. One of the sustainability goals at Emory is to divert 65% of the University’s waste from Georgia landfills. Emory has a comprehensive recycling and composting program to support this goal and below is a step-by-step guide on how to recycle and compost!

MOVE-IN DAY
• Bring ALL cardboard boxes to the designated area outside of your residence hall.
• Empty and flatten cardboard boxes — PLEASE REMOVE ALL STYROFOAM AND PACKING PEANUTS
• Please be sure to separate cardboard from packing material and place in appropriated areas
• Place all other recyclable materials in the dedicated recycling space on your hall. Ask your RA if you don’t know where recycling on your hall is located.

How to Recycle and Compost in Emory Residence Halls?
• Choose a place in your new room that is accessible for recycling. Your room should already be outfitted with one recycling basket that can be used to collect recyclables. The container for recycling should always remain in your room after you have emptied your recyclables and when you leave at year end. These baskets are the property of the Emory University Housing department.
• Composting equipment is only provided in recycling rooms, bathrooms, and kitchen areas. Please take any food, paper soiled by food (napkins, paper towels, wax paper), and place in one of these receptacles in your residence hall.
• Emory separates and recycles white paper, mixed paper, plastics/tin/steel, and aluminum.
• When your recycling bag or basket is full–EMPTY IT! Recycling collection locations vary depending on where you live You empty your recycling at a central collection point in your hallway or take your recycling to a dedicated recycling room located on each floor.
• Sort your recyclables into the correct collection containers. So, put your aluminum cans in the aluminum box, white paper in the white paper box, etc.
• Now, your part is done! The custodial staff will pull the recycling/composting from the hallways, restrooms and kitchens. Once, the recycling has been placed in the large blue recycling carts located outside of the buildings then employees from Emory Recycles will come by and collect the carts. The recycling is then taken to the Emory Recycling Center where it is weighed and processed for collections. The Recycling Center is here on campus located on Peavine Creek Drive near the athletic fields.
• The compost heads to an off-campus vendor who turns the food and paper products, along with animal bedding from the research labs, into soil that Emory buys back to nourish our landscaping and educational gardens around campus. A full circle!

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CARDBOARD BOXES FOLDED AND PLACED IN DESIGNATED AREAS OUTSIDE

USE YOUR RECYCLING BAG OR BIN

LEARN COMPOSTING
Food scraps, most containers, napkins, and flatware are compostable. See other side of poster.

- HALLWAY BINS or RECYCLING ROOMS
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- BINS in KITCHENS, BATHROOMS and RECYCLING ROOMS
Campus composting accepts more items than typical composting. Please learn how to compost. Bathroom paper towels are placed in bathroom bins only.

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