

RECYCLING TIPS and FAQs

- **Recycling Saves Money!** Every time you throw recyclables in the trash, you are throwing away money AND increasing the solid waste service cost. In 2016 University City paid about **\$500,000** in trash (landfill) fees but **\$0** in recycling fees. Keep your trash rates low – RECYCLE!



- **The University City Recycling Drop-Off has been upgraded!** Along with all single stream recyclables, bring your old textiles (clothing, shoes, towels, blankets, etc.) and your clean plastic film (grocery, dry cleaning, newspaper, & bread bags, Ziploc-type bags, and also the plastic film wrap on products like paper towels and other products) to 975 Pennsylvania, University City MO, 63130.



- **NO-RINSE!** No need to rinse out your containers before recycling – just empty them.



- **Don't crush aluminum cans completely flat.** If they are flat, they get mixed with other items like paper or non-recyclable items and can be missed.



← OKAY!

- **If it's a container made of plastic, metal, or glass** and it's 5 gallons or less – it is almost always recyclable – throw it in the bin. Don't worry so much about the number on the plastic (as long as its plastic and not foam).



- If it's paper, cardboard, or anything in between – it's recyclable!



Even a
pizza box!



PLEASE NO Garden hoses, Plastic Bags, Christmas Lights, Appliances, Diapers, Clothes – these items are a problem for the recycling plants.

Frequently Asked Recycling Questions – Single Stream Recycling:

YES – In recycling cart or dumpster	NO
5 gallon bucket	Baby seat
Aerosol cans (empty or mostly empty)	Barbeque pit
Aluminum foil (clean)	Bubble wrap, plastic film, cereal bags, Ziploc bags, plastic overlay (NOT in single stream – but CLEAN product can be dropped off at the Recycling Drop off of the grocery store!)
Aluminum food containers (clean)	Bulbs and Batteries (Can be recycled at Batteries Plus locations, University City City Hall, University City Centennial Commons)
Cardboard	CD/DVD cases
Cardboard takeout container	Ceramics
Cereal boxes	Compostable containers
Construction paper	Cooler
Folders	Cork
Glass containers – including broken glass containers (containers only – no window panes or ceramics)	Electronics – Best Buy, and watch for U City spring and fall electronics recycling events!
Helium tank (follow the instructions first)	Fish tank
Metal containers	Food
Milk crate	Garden Hose
Milk or juice paperboard boxes	Kids swimming pool
Paper gift wrap	Mirrors
Paper with crayon	Napkins and paper towels
Paper with staples	Panes of glass
Pizza boxes – even with grease or residual food	Paper cups and coated paper plates
Plastic containers less than 5 gallons	Pesticide, herbicide, paint or motor oil containers (or other hazardous waste)
Plastic cups or plates	Plastic hangers
Plastic lids and bottle caps (place them back on the container please)	Plastic utensils
Post-it notes	Straws
Receipt paper	Styrofoam® (expanded polystyrene) - even if it has a recycling symbol
Shredded paper	Toys
TetraPak containers	Wax paper

Plastic #6, wire hangers, and other items not on this list may be recyclable depending on the recycling plant. Please contact your recycling vendor for verification.