



BLUE RECYCLING BIN F.A.Q.'s

1. What materials are recyclable? *The College's current recycling effort includes paper and cardboard. With the expanded recycling efforts as part of the College's commitment to developing a Sustainability Plan, paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass and plastic can be recycled.*
2. I've noticed that the recycled items are thrown together in what appears to be a trash dumpster out in the parking lots. Are these items truly being recycled? *The College is utilizing single-streamed recycling, also known as "fully commingled." With this method, all paper products and containers are mixed together in a collection truck instead of being sorted and handled separately by the user throughout the collection process. The five recyclable materials at Tri-C – paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass and plastic – will be sorted out at a Material Recovery Facility.*
3. What materials are not acceptable in the blue recycling bins? *Air Freight envelopes, bathroom tissue and carbon paper are not permitted in the blue recycling bins labeled "Office Paper/Newspaper." Aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, aerosol cans, hangers, scrap metal, ceramic dishes and mugs, light bulbs, plate glass, plastic bags, Styrofoam, and plastic plates and tubs are not permitted in the bins labeled "Commingle."*
Complete information regarding what is and isn't permitted in each blue recycling bin is posted College-wide above the bins.
4. What goes in the blue desk-side bins that are located next to the waste baskets? *The desk-side bins are all "Commingle." Aluminum cans, steel/tin food and beverage cans, clear green and brown glass bottles/jars, and plastic bottles all can be deposited in these bins. All food containers must be completely emptied before they are deposited into a blue recycling bin.*
5. Who is handling this program? *The College is partnering with Allied Waste Industries, based in Oberlin, Ohio. Even though the Allied Waste Material Recovery Facility is in Lorain County, the employees and trucks collecting the recyclables are employed in and dispatched from Cuyahoga County.*

6. Where can I find a recycling bin? *The College's enhanced recycling effort will increase recycling bins from the current 65 College-wide bins to approximately 1,700 College-wide. These bins will be strategically placed at desk sides, common working areas and common eating areas, so students, faculty, staff and visitors have easy access to them.*

7. What else can be recycled? *The College currently participates in, and will continue to work on expanding and enhancing recycling efforts for fluorescent light bulbs, computers, batteries, tires, etc...*

8. Is this the end of the College's recycling efforts? *No, this is just Phase I. The first phase of the recycling effort will take place at the College's three main campuses (Western, Eastern and Metro), the Unified Technologies Center and the District Administration building downtown. The two Corporate College locations will be included shortly after the initial launch. Phase II will work toward the continued enhancement of the recycling program.*