

Tri-C BLUE BIN RECYCLING

F.A.Q.'s



What materials are recyclable at Tri-C?

Paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, and plastic bottles can be recycled. *Please review Tri-C's recycling guidelines for more details.*

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?

Yes, items are truly being recycled. Tri-C is utilizing single-stream recycling, also known as "fully commingled." Recycling bins have lids for bottles and cans or for paper in an effort to control what gets placed in the bins and there are no combined can/bottle/paper lids available for the recycling bins we use at Tri-C. Recyclable materials from the separate bins are combined into recycling dumpsters for single stream pickup by a collection truck. These recyclables are then sorted at a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), and from the MRF, individual types of materials are then sold to companies who use the material for new products.

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 containers, 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 "Commingled." *Please review Tri-C's recycling guidelines for more details.*

What goes in the blue desk-side bins that are located next to the waste baskets?

The desk-side bins are for all recyclable materials – paper, bottles, cans, etc can go in together. Anything that can be recycled in a larger bin can be placed in a desk-side bin.

Who is handling this program?

The College works with Allied Waste Industries, based in Oberlin, Ohio. Even though Allied Waste's Materials Recovery Facility is in Lorain County, the employees and trucks collecting the recyclables are employed in and dispatched from Cuyahoga County. Our College contracted custodial services company empties the recycling bins as they fill and places all recyclable items in clear plastic bags in a central location on each campus. Our plant management teams then load the recycling dumpsters at each campus.

Where can I find a recycling bin?

Tri-C has more than 2,000 bins College-wide. These bins are placed in common working areas, common eating areas, and classrooms so that students, faculty, staff, and visitors have easy access to them.

What else can be recycled?

The College currently participates in what's called Universal Waste recycling, and will continue to work on enhancing these recycling efforts for things such as fluorescent light bulbs, computers and other electronic waste, batteries, tires, etc...