Recycling Info Sheet

- Gray bins are for TRASH that cannot be recycled.
- Blue bins are designated as COMMINGLE
- Green bins are for PAPER
- In college-owned houses (not residential halls) Green bins are for paper (bundled in bags) and commingle to be put out on porches Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- Commingle (BLUE) includes:
  - Clear, Green and Brown Glass Bottles & Jars
  - Plastic (#1’s and 2’s found on the bottom of the bottle inside a recycling symbol)
  - Can include laundry detergent bottles, milk/water jugs, soda bottles
  - Aluminum (soda cans)
  - Steel (Food cans)

- Traditional Corrugated Cardboard should be left on the floor next to designated recycling areas (next to the green and blue bins), broken down.

- Paper recycling (GREEN):
  - Colored/White office paper
  - Junk Mail (with or without plastic envelope “window”)
  - Magazines (non-glossy ONLY)
  - Post-its
  - Staples are OK, paper clips are not

- Items than cannot be recycled:
  - Any type of paper board (non-corrugated cardboard) as in cereal boxes.
  - Pizza boxes (grease seeps into the cardboard)
  - Any # plastic that is not a #1 or a #2
  - Plastic containers that are NOT bottles, regardless of its designation as a #1 or #2. Only plastic bottles (bottles, milk/water/detergent containers) can be recycled.
  - Light bulbs

- FAQ
  - Do I have to wash the containers before recycling them?
    - It’s not required, but if you so happen to feel motivated and want to go the extra mile, by all means. It is taken care of in the recycling center, but it makes it easier on them if glass, steel, aluminum and plastic are pre-washed.
  - Do I have to throw out the bottle caps?
    - Absolutely. They are a different type of plastic and therefore have different melting points.
  - Must I remove staples and paper clips before recycling paper?
    - Staples no, paper clips yes. Staples are perfectly acceptable, but paper clips contaminate the recycling too much.

We would also like to stress the importance of not only recycling, but purchasing recycled products. Creating a market for what you recycle is the most important step. Look for paper products that are the highest percentage “post-consumer” recycled.

Happy recycling ☺️