

Recycling 101

How we do it for the planet!



1. Know your colors!

Yellow –
Plastics numbers 1
& 2 (see rule 2),
aluminum (cans
and foil) and **glass**
(bottles)

☒ **Red** – all **paper**,
boxboard (cereal boxes),
magazines, envelopes and
small **cardboard** pieces.
Break down big cardboard
boxes and put them in a
neat pile. ☒

☒ **Blue** – is mainly
for offices, it's for
white office paper ☒

Gray – all non-
recyclable landfill
waste (i.e. **trash!**)

2. Know your numbers!

Only plastics number 1 & 2 are recyclable in Rhode Island. Check the bottom of your containers for a number like this:

*note: If you want to be super hardcore, you can take #5 plastics to be recycled at Whole Foods!



3. Do your part!

Please pour any liquid out into the trash and remember the 3Rs of bottles – Rinse, Recap and Recycle!

4. Eat your food!

Even un-rinsed containers can be recycled if you eat all your food or dump it in the trash. Wipe out your Jo's salad container, and toss it in the recycling! Please NEVER throw food in the recycling! If a bag of recyclables has more than 5% food waste in it, it will be thrown out.

5. Bring your own!

Go Green by bringing your own water bottle, plate, Tupperware or utensils when you eat out and by bringing your own bag when you shop! Use less; waste less!

6. Where can you recycle?

Batteries → Designated bins in the OMAC and Bear's Lair
Ink Cartridges → Computer Center on 2nd floor of the bookstore
CLF Light Bulbs → Give them to your custodian
Plastic Bags → Bin in the entrance of the bookstore
Clothes, shoes → Bins in Faunce



Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Where does our trash and recycling go?

At Brown, our waste is collected by a company local company called Waste Haulers. They truck our trash and recyclables to the Rose Hill Transfer Station in South Kingston, RI where it is sorted processed and packages to be sold to industries that use recycled materials.

Want to learn more? Check the EcoReps blog for coverage of our 9/29 /10 field trip to the Rose Hill Transfer Station.

2. What should I do if I don't have a recycling bin or I see a place on campus that needs one?

Call the Service Response line at (401) 863 -7800 and let them know what you need. If you want, you can forward the e-mail confirmation you receive after the call to recycle@brown.edu so we can help you follow up!

3. How much stuff does Brown recycle each year?

Last year, Brown recycled 48% of the waste we produced. That's over 1,800 tons of paper, bottles and other materials! In EcoReps, our goal is to increase that number to 60% in the next year!

4. What are the biggest problems with recycling at Brown?

We lose a lot of our recyclables to the landfill because our recycling bins are contaminated with trash and food waste. If a bag of recyclables has more than 5% food waste contamination, it's too messy to recycle. The whole bag gets thrown in the landfill! You can help by making sure you NEVER throw food in a recycling bin!

5. What can I do to help?

You already have! By reading this fact sheet you have made yourself a recycling expert ready to help reduce waste at Brown! Knowledge is Power! Use what you've learned and share it with your friends!