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RECYCLING

Policy Statement

The university is committed to protecting and improving the environment by recycling commonly used materials such as mixed paper, cardboard, plastic/glass containers, and aluminum/tin/steel cans, scrap metals, hazardous materials such as batteries, electronic equipment, mercury-containing lamps, and motor/cooking oil. All members of the university community must comply with the recycling requirements in this policy.

Reason for Policy

The university recycles not only because it is sound policy, easy to do, and helpful to the environment, but also because it reduces disposal costs and demonstrates GW’s commitment to sustainable practices. Furthermore, the university is required to have a recycling program pursuant to regulations issued by both the D.C. Government and Loudoun County, Virginia. The university also must dispose of hazardous materials in accordance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Who is Governed by this Policy

Faculty, staff and students

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Policy

GW disposes of recyclable materials produced on GW campuses in accordance with local and federal recycling regulations and GW provides and maintains containers for recyclable materials throughout GW-owned buildings and on the streets within campus boundaries. For reference, description and photographs of collection stations for most items as well as how to dispose of various types of recyclables, see: <https://facilities.gwu.edu/recycling-cycling> or <https://sustainability.gwu.edu/resources>.

Definitions

Common Recyclable Material: Recyclable materials include: mixed papers and cardboard, plastic bottles, glass bottles (clear, brown, and green), aluminum/tin/steel cans, electronic equipment, toner cartridges, and cooking grease/oil.

Hazardous Material: Hazardous materials include: motor oil, rechargeable batteries, mercury containing bulbs and computers.

Related Information

- [Procedures for Recycling and E-Cycling](#)
- [GW Roadmap to Zero Waste](#)
- [Battery Recycling and Disposal Program](#)
- [Electronic Equipment Recycling Policy](#)
- [Hazardous Waste Management Policy](#)
- [Mercury-Containing Lamp Policy](#)

Chapter 1086: The Loudoun County Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Ordinance

D.C. Municipal Regulation (DCMR) Chapter 20, Title 21

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Standards for Universal Waste Management, 40 CFR Part 273

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