



RECYCLING

POCKET GUIDE



IUPUI
SUSTAINABILITY

Hello Fellow Jag,

IUPUI is making strides to divert 40% of campus waste by 2025—a big goal that will need everyone's support!

To help you contribute to our collective waste reduction success, we've compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions about recycling. We know it can be confusing to know exactly what is recyclable and what isn't so we've got your back.

If you're interested in learning more about how we're working to sustain IUPUI through resource use and recycling initiatives, visit us online at sustainability.iupui.edu.



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RECYCLING

RECYCLABLE ITEMS



ALUMINUM CANS



PAPER CUPS



PLASTICS #1-7



CARDBOARD JUGS



CANS + OTHER METALS



PIZZA BOXES



PAPER & CARDBOARD



SHREDDED PAPER



GLASS

ITEMS FOR THE LANDFILL*



PAPER TOWELS + TISSUE



PACKAGING MATERIAL



FOOD WRAPPERS



PLASTIC CUTLERY



FOOD WASTE



COFFEE PODS



PLASTIC BAGS*

Recyclable via grocery store



PLASTIC STRAWS



FOAM PACKAGING

SPECIAL RECYCLABLE ITEMS



LIGHT BULBS

Should be given to IUPUI custodial staff to recycle properly.

ELECTRONICS + E-WASTE



IUPUI - OWNED ELECTRONICS can be dropped off at IUPUI Surplus or a pick up time can be scheduled. Visit surplus.iupui.edu for more information.



PERSONAL ELECTRONICS cannot currently be recycled on campus. Items can be dropped off at a local recycler such as ToxDrop, RecycleForce, etc.

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST

Waste diversion is key to a sustainable future!

We understand not everything can be recycled, but knowing that small behaviors changes can contribute towards 40% waste diversion by 2025 means we can all play a part!

The list below contains items commonly used on campus, and the amount of time each item will remain in a landfill.

PAPER	2-4 weeks
FOOD	6 months
CARDBOARD	5 years
METAL	100 years
PLASTIC	450 years
GLASS	500 years
FOAM PACKAGING	FOREVER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where do I take my recycling?

Look for blue recycle bins around campus; they are usually paired with black or gray trash bins.

How is recycling sorted on campus?

Campus recycling is single stream: All recyclables go into the same bin. Your recyclables will be sorted by material at an off-campus material recovery facility, or MRF.

How much do I need to clean out recyclables?

Small amounts of food residue are acceptable. A quick rinse should suffice for many items, but don't worry about getting your recyclables sparkling clean. Excessive food and moisture can ruin paper in single stream recycle bins.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Should I remove plastic bottle caps before placing them in the recycling bin?

Bottle caps are small, which makes them likely fall out of the recycling sort process and end up as trash. Because of this, it is best to leave caps attached to bottles, but make sure the bottle is completely empty before recycling it.

What about furniture and office supplies?

IUPUI Surplus will take all IUPUI-owned items, including furniture and office items.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where can I find signage for a recycling bin?

Visit the WASTE AND RECYCLING section of sustainability.iupui.edu to download signage to affix or place near your recycling bin.

Are there items that can't be recycled?

Please avoid putting the following materials in your recycling bin.

Aerosol Cans

Plastic Cutlery

Foam Packaging and plates/bowls/cups

Plastic Straws

Plastic bags – can be recycled at grocery stores

Paper Towels (used or unused)

Tissue and Toilet Paper

Food Wrappers

Facility Operations recycles tires, landscaping waste, food waste, cooking oil, university property, and scrap metal.