

Specialty Recycling



Light Bulbs

Light bulbs should be disposed of differently depending on the type of bulb (LEDs, CFLs, incandescents). LED and incandescent light bulbs must go in the trash. CFLs cannot be placed in regular recycling or trash and must be disposed of through the university.

LEDs use 75% less energy! Exchange your incandescent and CFL light bulbs for free at the Office of Sustainability!



Plastic Bags and Film

Clean and dry plastic bags and other soft plastics need to be recycled separately. Check the eco-map for plastic film recycling locations on campus or drop them at your local grocery store.

Composting



Compost

Composting food scraps is a great way to divert waste from the landfill. Tufts collects food scraps in various locations across campus or sign up for a local pick up service. For more information visit go.tufts.edu/compost.



Specialty recycling bins, compost totes, and landfill and recycling dumpster locations for all campuses can be found on the Tufts Eco-Map at go.tufts.edu/ecomap.

Questions?

Recycling is a comprehensive program managed jointly by Facilities and the **Office of Sustainability**, which is located on the Medford campus in **Barnum Hall, Room 207**.

Contact: 617-627-3191 or sustainabilityoffice@tufts.edu

For more recycling information, visit: go.tufts.edu/recycle

Email any recycling or compost questions to: recycle@tufts.edu

Contact your Eco-Rep with questions about dorm composting. Find them at: go.tufts.edu/ecoreps

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Find complete information for all the categories below at go.tufts.edu/specialtyrecycling



Batteries

Batteries can be recycled in battery bins on campus. Please tape the terminals with clear tape.



Clothing, Textiles & Shoes

Clothing and textiles can be recycled at various locations across the Medford/Somerville campus. This includes textile goods in any condition, even shoes.



Electronics

Used, broken, or unwanted electronic devices and appliances are recyclable in separate ways on campus depending on the type of product. Do not put electronics in the trash.



Fitness Trackers

Working fitness trackers can be donated to RecycleHealth for re-use. There is a drop off on the Boston Campus or fitness trackers can be mailed to RecycleHealth.



Ink and Toner

Used ink and toner cartridges can be recycled in ink and toner collection bins on campus or mailed back to their manufacturer.

How to Recycle

Recycling rules are the same across the entire state of Massachusetts. It is very important to only recycle materials that are **EMPTY**, **CLEAN**, and **DRY**. Visit go.tufts.edu/recycle for more info.

What is recyclable?

EMPTY ALL FOOD AND LIQUIDS BEFORE RECYCLING

PAPER



Paper (regular and glossy), magazines/newspapers, envelopes (even w/ plastic windows) paper bags (cannot be oily)



NOT paper towels, paper plates, tissues, coffee cups

CARDBOARD



Cardboard boxes, pizza boxes, and paperboard boxes like cereal boxes

BREAK DOWN ALL BOXES!



NOT microwave meal boxes or juice/milk cartons

PLASTIC



Hard plastic containers, to-go containers, yogurt cups, plastic bottles (keep caps on), and clear plastic cups

CLEAN AND EMPTY ALL CONTAINERS/BOTTLES!



NOT colored plastic cups, straws with their lids, plastic bags or plastic wrap (even if they have a recycle symbol), chip bags, styrofoam, plastic cutlery

METAL



Clean, empty cans and aluminum foil/products



NOT other metal, like wire cords or hangers

GLASS



Empty jars and bottles (keep caps on)



NOT light bulbs or broken glass