



Recycling and Composting on Campus FAQs

1. Can I recycle batteries, electronics, light bulbs, and ink/toner?

Yes, but not in the blue single stream recycling collection. There are four specialty recycling stations on campus where these items can be dropped off.

- MHC, near the bookstore
- FDC, in the main front lobby
- ASC, Create Space
- TMH, Food for Thought

2. Can I recycle plastic bags?

Yes, but not in the blue single stream recycling collection. Clean and dry plastic bags/film can be recycled separately at the same four specialty stations listed above.

3. We only recycle plastic 1-3, & 5 at home. What plastics are recyclable at St. Thomas?

Only plastics 1, 2, and 5 are to be recycled in the single stream recycling stream on both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses. This is consistent with what both Hennepin and Ramsey County collect at their respective recycling centers. Some exceptions include plastic bags/film, straws, loose caps from bottles, plastics smaller than a large coin, black plastic, and large plastic containers such as 5-gallon buckets.

4. Is composting available in dorm rooms?

The Facilities Management department is expanding organic composting to all dorms. Green organics bins are available in all waste rooms and collection areas. Room size compost bins are provided to each unit and compostable liners can be found in the waste rooms (in the laundry rooms of mid campus apartments). Organic compost in compostable bags can be placed in any organic compost location across campus. Please visit the [Recycling Program web page](#) to find answers to other waste and recycling questions.