

You Can Make A Difference



St. Cloud State University's Residential Programs are working towards increased sustainability and being a Green Campus.

With approximately 14.5 million students enrolled in colleges and universities across the United States, campuses generated 3.6 million tons of waste.

Challenges We Can Prevent

63.8 million Americans said they will place an item into a recycling container even if they aren't sure it's recyclable. This needs to change...

Contamination increases sorting time, damages equipment and COSTS MONEY.

People throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles per hour.

Only 5% of all plastics in the U.S are recycled. Help St. Cloud State University increase that number!





Recycling Impact

Republic Services handles all SCSU waste.

Their organization accounted for all of these savings on the right. We can contribute!



kW-hrs of Electricity saved (Millions)	325.52
Households' Annual Energy Consumption	10,355
Gallons of Oil saved	8,936,944
MBTU Net Energy Reduction (Million British Thermal Units)	1,110,733
Total Greenhouse Gas Reduction in Metric Tons:	232,384
This is the equivalent to one of the following:	
Gallons of Gasoline saved	26,377,448
Passenger Cars not driven for one year:	42,563
Gallons of Water saved (Millions)	511.50
Landfill Airspace saved (cu yd)	255,748
Number of Mature Trees saved	876,852

Empty. Clean. Dry. Recycle.







What Can be Recycled

Plastics

• Plastics #1, #2, and #5. The numbers located inside the recycling arrows

Metal Cans

• All food and beverage containers: Tin, steel, bi-metal and aluminum

• Cardboard, Newspaper and Magazines

Catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures

• Paper Food Containers

Food boxes like juice, milk, cereal and pasta

• Paper

• Envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and folders













→	polyethylene terephthalate (PETE)	Soda bottles and oven-ready food trays	
	high-density polyethylene (HDPE)	Bottles for milk and dishwashing liquids	
	polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	Food trays, plastic wrap, bottles for mineral water and shampoo	4
	low density polyethylene (LDPE)	Shopping bags and garbage bags	
	polypropylene (PP)	Margarine tubs, microwaveable food trays	SA.
	polystyrene (PS)	Yogurt tubs, foam meat trays, egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, packaging for electronics and toys	
	OTHER	Plastics that do not fall into any of the above categories One example is melamine resin (plastic plates, plastic cups)	





When In Doubt, Throw It Out.

- Plastic Bags
- Straws
- Greasy food containers
- Electronics
- Batteries
- Tissues
- Egg cartons
- Ice cream cartons



