



Recycle or Permanent Storage?

BOSS YOUR TOSS

is all about your choice; do you choose to store your trash or recycle your trash?

LANDFILLS are simply a storage ground. We wrap our waste in plastic bags and burying it in dirt, forcing the trash go through anaerobic (without air) degradation. This process creates methane gas, which destroys the "O₂" zone, and is 25% more challenging than carbon dioxide. However, most waste never decomposes. Creating a vault of trash, awaiting the next archaeological dig.

EPA says that a study in 2018 determined that over half of all landfills are single use items. Items like styrene from packing, plastic and paper serveware (straws, forks, spoons, knives, food containers...etc); and most distinguishable are recyclables! Cardboard/paper, glass, metal and recyclable plastic. 1/3rd of the waste is food scraps that can be composted!

An average college student will create 640 pounds of trash this year! That is the weight of a Grizzly Bear and would be as tall if the bear were standing (8 ft. tall!)

Note: Ames Resource Recovery Plant (RRP) is the last resort to waste before it goes to the landfill. It's your choice to recycle correctly!

- Recycling information is confusing!
- The other countries are not taking our recycling any more...
 - Ames, Iowa incinerates their recycling.
 - I have to pay to recycle my waste?
 - I just saw the recycling being taken away by the trash truck!
 - I don't know which bin to put it in... there's too many colors and misleading information!

"Americans overwhelmingly support recycling; but too often, their enthusiasm is met with discouraging and usually misleading data points..."
 -Association of Plastic Recyclers; 2020 Report

LET'S MAKE IT EASY!

FIRST COLOR! (this is the color of the bin your recycling goes into.)

BLUE = RECYCLING; ISU Single Streams; everything, paper, plastic, glass and metal go into one bin

BLACK = WASTE this is trash and will go to the landfill.

GREEN = COMPOST; this is food and food products that will compost; note food containers and plasticware from dining compost!

BROWN = CORRUGATED CARDBOARD; on campus cardboard is caught separately to redeem for credit.

GRAY = CONFIDENTIAL DESTRUCTION

RECYCLING PLASTICS: IF THE LID TWISTS OFF IT IS RECYCLABLE. YOGURT AND BUTTER TUBS TOO, NO LIDS.

Remember! NO LIQUIDS, FOOD OR FOOD STAINS IN RECYCLING!

Just dump it out!

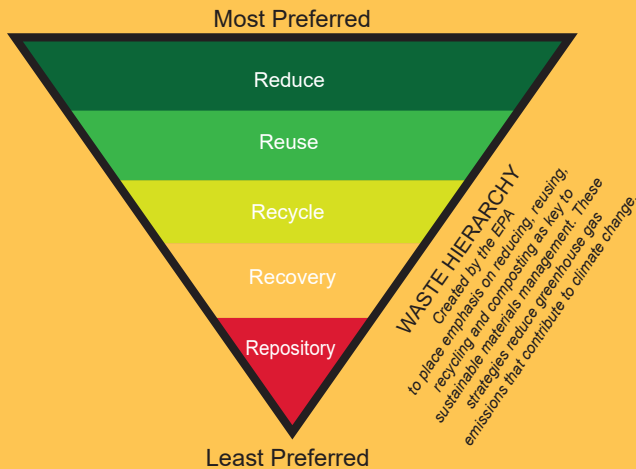
Liquids and food/food stains contaminate the recycling, and will send the whole bin or dumpster to the landfill.

WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR RECYCLING DOWN TO THE DUMPSTER, UNBAG IT! PLASTIC BAGS AND LIGHT CELOPHANE ARE HARD ON RECYCLING MACHINES.

PLEASE DON'T CONTAMINATE THE WORK OF YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS! HELP OUT AND BE WISE ABOUT YOUR RECYCLING.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!





IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY has a goal to reduce waste and maximize diversion by 85% by the year 2025. The goal is intended to teach a lifestyle of waste diversion, to minimize campus waste and maximize recycling and reuse on campus. ISU wants to eliminate waste rather than manage it.

You can help! Simply **BOSS YOUR TOSS!**

FOLLOW YOUR WASTE

TRASH (BLACK BINS)

COLLECTED FROM CAMPUS HOUSING, OFFICE AND ACADEMIC BUILDINGS



Collected From Dumpsters And Trash Bins.

Taken To The City Of Ames Resource Recovery Center

Metal (Gets Recycled)

Non-Burnable (Goes To Boone Co. Landfill)

Burnable
(Is Processed As Refuse Dirived Fuel)

Supplied To City Of Ames Power Plt.

Combined with natural gas to provide electricity for City Of Ames

FOLLOW YOUR WASTE

Recycling Services

COLLECTED FROM CAMPUS HOUSING, OFFICES AND ACADEMIC BUILDINGS

Collected in Blue recycling bins, totters and outside Blue Solar Compact Bins

Single Stream recycling includes paper, metal and plastic (if the lid twists off it's recyclible!)

Once collected is taken to International Paper in Ankeny to be seperated and distributed to manufacturers to be made into new products.

**NO LIQUIDS,
FOOD OR FOOD
STAINED ITEMS
IN RECYCLING!**

GLASS

COLLECTED FROM CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS AND LABORATORIES

Collected in yellow glass recycleing buckets and bins.

Taken to the City Of Ames Resource Recovery Center

Distributed to manufacturers to be made inot new products.

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FOLLOW YOUR WASTE

COMPOST

COLLECTED FROM ISU DINING CENTERS AND ISU CATEREING

Taken to ISU compost facility

Made into compost

Compost is then taken to ISU campus to be used as soil amendment

And taken to HORTICULTURE RESEARCH STATION to be used as soil amendment

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