



Orson, is that you inside that cheesy *Detective Pikachu* costume?
Rats. I thought this Hallowe'en costume would fool you for sure.
 What's with the sign? What mystery does *Det. Pikachu* need to solve?
How can we get folks to shift their habits to recycle things properly.
They still seem confused about the changes in what can be recycled.
 Well, Orson, maybe the info below will help clear things up...

"Installment" is a double play on words: we place them inside bathroom cubicles ("in stalls") and the content changes monthly ("in installments").
 Get it? Got it? Good!

COMMINGLED RECYCLING

TOSS ALL CLEAN & EMPTY RECYCLABLES INTO THIS CONTAINER

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Waxy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & milk)



Junk Mail, Periodicals, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC

METAL

GLASS



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, batteries of any kind, electronics, hangers, shoes, waxy cups or plates, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, Styrofoam, used napkins or paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, or coffee pods.



These new "Commingled Recycling" signs are being placed around campus near blue bins, to let you know what is still being accepted for recycling. There are no major changes to cardboard, boxboard, paper, metals or glass items - they are still recyclable. **Heavy-weight plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and lids** are also still **accepted for recycling**.

What's SUP...?

The significant recent change in the recycling industry is that disposable, "single use plastics" (SUPs, for short) are now **NOT recyclable**. These SUPs include:

- X Plastic cold cups, lids and straws
- X Styrofoam or plastic hot cups & plastic lids
- X Styrofoam or plastic plates
- X Plastic eating utensils (knives, forks, spoons)
- X Styrofoam or clear plastic "clamshell" takeout containers
- X Clear plastic food packaging containers (like items holding pre-made salads, cut fruits and vegetables, packaged cookie trays, etc.)
- X K-Cup style single use coffee pods
- X Small plastic condiment containers
- X Plastic drink stirrers

All of these single-use plastic items now must be disposed of in **Landfill Trash**. Think about replacing SUPs with reusable containers.

Kill those **Energy Vampires** over Fall Break. Be sure to **turn off** and **unplug** all energy-consuming items in your room or office.



Plastic bags, burned out light bulbs and dead batteries require special handling. Put them in the collection boxes in the Sustainability classroom (Zabriskie 212); we will properly recycle them for you.

Tip: Return plastic bags to retailers like Target, Walmart, and Wegmans when you go shopping. They accept **clean, dry** "plastic films" including single-use shopping bags, but "plastic films" also includes food storage bags, (popped) air pillows and bubble wrap, cereal box liners, and plastic "overwrap" from items like paper towels. Get ready, as early in 2020, retailers will no longer be able to give out plastic bags. Stock up now on those reusable shopping bags!



Did we *getcha*? Did we spot you carrying and using your reusable beverage container? If so, don't forget to redeem your Block 1 **GOTCHA** card at the GRIND Café by October 13. New **GOTCHA** cards will be issued for Block 2.

Questions about more sustainable actions?
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