Top 7 Recycling and Reuse Tips

1. Set up separate bins for recyclable materials such as plastics and papers.
2. Recycle batteries in the containers provided around campus.
3. Reuse scrap paper and when possible print on both sides of the paper.
4. Bring a refillable coffee mug to get your morning coffee. Refillable mug users get a discount on their coffee!
5. Recycle old ink jet cartridges in the bins supplied on campus.
6. Use the bottle return machine in the Campus Center. Receipts are exchangeable at Outtakes.
7. Re-use grocery bags, or buy reusable cloth bags for your shopping.

More recycling and reuse tips can be found at www.albany.edu/gogreen.
Recycling 101

The University at Albany disposes of approximately 2,500 tons of garbage per year. In the 2009-10 academic year, our institution recycled 320 tons of mixed paper, 10 tons of co-mingled product (glass, plastic, tin), 33 tons of scrap metal, 1.7 tons of tires, 145 tons of construction and demolition material and 6 tons of kitchen grease. Each year UAlbany faculty, staff, and students participate in the nationwide RecycleMania challenges in an effort to increase waste reduction and recycling.

Where Can I Recycle?

All over campus you'll find places where you can recycle! Whether it's ink cartridges, batteries, paper, or bottles and cans, you can recycle it.

In the academic buildings you'll see bins like this, with multiple slots for different materials.

Outdoors, you'll see concrete bins like this with separate slots similar to the indoor bins.

For special items such as inkjet cartridges (left) and batteries (right) look for bins like these.

What Can I Recycle?

Mixed paper: office paper, notebooks, envelopes, cardboard and food boxes.

Commingled: anything made out of plastic, glass, or aluminum. Rinse out containers, food left in them will contaminate the recycling stream. (Numbers 1-7)

Returnables: items that have a bottle deposit can be put with commingled items or they can be brought to the redemption machine in campus center (see above) or at a local grocery store.

Other: batteries, ink jets, toners, cell phones and electronics.

Make your choice, be Green.

How can I reduce my waste on campus?

- Reusable Coffee Cup
- Paper Coffee Cup
- Plastic Bottled Water
- Refillable Water Bottles
- Tons of Paper
- Electronic
- Reusable Cloth Bags
- Plastic Grocery Bags

Where do our recyclable materials go?

Our bottles and cans are sent to the County Waste single-stream recycling facility at the Port of Albany. Our recyclable paper goes to the Cascades Group on Fuller Road which recycles our paper and returns it to us in closed-loop system.

Check it out!

We now have our very own bottle and can return machine! It's in the Campus Center and receipts can be exchanged at the Outtakes Store!