

Recycling at SLU

What can be recycled?

- **Glass and plastic bottles**
- **Glass and plastic containers with label**
- **Aluminum cans and foil**
- **Clean office paper**
- **Cardboard**
- **Steel cans**
- **Newspapers**
- **Anything with a recyclable label**



What we see:



- **Two bins in room**
 - **Red = recycling**
 - **Black = trash**

- **Divided bins in common areas**

What happens next?



- **Janitors empty both trash and recycling into large bins**

- **Separation is not maintained**



- **Bins are taken to the sorting center, where they are collected in a large room before sorting**



What happens at the sorting Center?



- **Gibson & Son is responsible for sorting recyclables out of trash**
- **Bins are dumped out onto a conveyor belt**
- **Sorter pulls out recycling, trash is sent up conveyor belt to a trash trailer.**
- **Recycling is placed in separate bins**



Where does it go then?



Recyclables are collected in storage receptacles. When a certain amount is obtained, the recyclables are hauled away to recycling facilities.



Trash is collected in this trailer. When it is full, it is hauled away to a landfill.

Is everything that can be recycled, recycled?

No, the staff with Gibson & Son estimates that 5-10% more can be recycled from our waste stream

So, why isn't everything recycled?

- **Bottles with liquid in them are not recycled**
- **Papers and other recyclables with food waste/nastiness on them will not be sorted out**
- **Recyclables that are mixed in with trash items are not as easily identified and sorted out**

What can I do to increase recycling at SLU?

- **Empty liquid from your recyclable bottles, rinse if possible**
- **Keep your recyclables separate from food waste and other grossness**
- **Put recyclables in a separate bag**
- **Separate out batteries**
- **Educate your friends about the recycling system at SLU**