

## **THE CORRECT WAY TO RECYCLE CANS & BOTTLES**

**Here at Messiah, we are striving to become a greener campus and everyone can help. Messiah College currently recycles cardboard, paper, electronic equipment, scrap metals and cans/bottles. There seems to be confusion on exactly “how to” recycle. This is the first in a series of “how to” and we will try and provide you with the correct ways to recycle.**

**One of the biggest questions that I receive is “how do I recycle cans and bottles.” The following will outline the correct ways for recycling these items. All containers (Aluminum, bi-metal, glass, or plastic) should be emptied and rinsed thoroughly to remove food or drink contamination, as much as possible. Messiah can recycle #1 through #7 plastic. These numbers are clearly marked on all containers, usually on the bottom and located in a triangle. If you’re not sure whether to trash or recycle, go ahead and put it in the recycle bin. Do not replace the caps; they can be discarded in the trash. Messiah takes clear, green and brown glass bottles for recycling purposes.**

**Waxed containers such as orange juice boxes or milk cartons are not recycled and should be thrown away in the trash.**

**Messiah College currently commingles plastic bottles, glass containers and cans. This means they can all be put into the same recycling container together and do not need to be sorted. Do not mix with garbage, paper or cardboard. Students in apartments should be using clear or white plastic bags only and tying them shut prior to placing into the recycle toppers. Do not put them in loose; do not use black trash bags. If you need clear bags, contact your apartment ARD.**

**If everyone will take the time to recycle, and to recycle the correct way, Messiah College can truly become a much greener campus thus becoming a better steward of what God has entrusted to us all, the Earth on which we live.**

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