THE CORRECT WAY TO RECYCLE CARDBOARD

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 second in a series of “how to” and we will try and provide you with the correct ways to recycle.

Recycled cardboard is a good source of revenue for Messiah College. When recycling corrugated cardboard boxes, make sure all trash is removed i.e. Styrofoam packaging, peanuts, bubble pack etc. These items should be placed in the trash. Please take the time to flatten the boxes. Frequently asked questions that I have received are, “can I recycle pizza boxes” or “can cereal type boxes be recycled.” The answer to both of these questions is now YES. When recycling pizza boxes, you must remove and dispose all food into the trash, and put the boxes into the recycling bins. Chipboard which is like toilet paper rolls, cracker boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes, soda boxes etc is also recycled. When recycling chipboard boxes, please remove any wax paper/foil inserts and dispose of the inserts into the trash. Again flatten the boxes and put them into the recycling bins. When recycling any cardboard or chipboard it is important to remember that during inclement weather or pending inclement weather, rain or snow, please try and hold any cardboard/chipboard rather than place it outside in the bins. When this material becomes wet and saturated with water, it must be thrown away. Using good common sense will help to remind you. If we have prolonged periods of bad weather, contact the waste coordinator at extension 3561 and ask them to come and pick up your cardboard.

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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