

MESSAGE TO CAMPUS ON UPCOMING CHANGES TO ZERO WASTE COLLECTION AT  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON  
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Hello and thanks for assisting with UO Zero Waste!

From the news, the recycling collection and marketing has had some challenges over the past year. This has been an evolving process and the UO is working to stay on the cutting edge of discard management. With that, there are some changes coming to the Zero Waste process here on campus that will be in synch with the community curbside collection. Though the UO does not commingle, the Zero Waste Program maintains the highest value, efficiency and integrity in managing resources such that material collected will have the highest value in the marketplace while ensuring efficiency in collection and processing.

As a result of changes in the recycling markets:

The UO Zero Waste Program is in the process of updating the program collection and materials. This will take a few months as you will start seeing the following changes:

- \*all program collection containers will be getting new signage
- \*all program posters, materials and handouts, will be updated

Currently program signage for non-paper items says:  
Cartons/Glass/Metal/Plastic

New signage will say:  
Glass/Metal/Plastic Bottles and Jugs only

Here is a link to the updated campus Materials Handling list with the updated sorting guide:  
<https://cpfm.uoregon.edu/zerowaste-resources#For more information regarding materials>

Click on Materials Handling List icon. The updated sorting guidelines are on page 8.

I have also attached a sorting guide to this email.

Changes:

- \*no change on paper or compost
- \*please remember that all cups go in the landfill category
- \*cartons of all kinds are no longer recyclable including milk type cartons and aseptic packaging such as drink boxes and other type of "boxes" such as soy milk, soup cartons and other larger types of food packaging boxes
- \*please ONLY recycle plastic bottles and jugs as follows: Bottles are items where the opening is smaller than the base. Jugs are items with handles
- \*ALL other plastic is landfill including anything that was previously recyclable including: plastic bags, plastic wrap, tubs (cottage cheese, yogurt, salsa etc...), lids and any other plastic items that are not a bottle or jug.

Remember opportunities to reduce impact by using refillable and reusable items such as drink containers, water bottles and reusable shopping bags. Choose to reduce single use disposable items, such as straws and plastic utensils, which are landfill items.

Stay tuned as changes are implemented and in the meantime, thank you for working with the UO Zero Waste Program to continue to model a high standard of discard management. The recycling system is being improved with these changes and hopefully will reduce contamination and elevate the recycling markets.

When shopping, consider buying recycled products (things made with recycled materials) as that is a very important step to ensuring that the items collected for recycling, have a market. Purchasing items with reduced packaging, that are made with recycled materials and can be recycled, is the highest choice to help retain the integrity of the recycling process.

Go ZerO Waste!

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## UO ZERO WASTE SORTING GUIDE

 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> CUPS</li> <li> UTENSILS</li> <li> SNACK BAGS</li> <li> WRAPPERS</li> <li> PLASTIC TUBS/JARS</li> <li> SAUCE PACKETS</li> <li> PLASTIC BAGS/FILM</li> <li> LIDS &amp; CAPS</li> <li> DRINK CARTONS</li> <li> ??? OTHER</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #8B4513; color: white; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>COMPOST</b>        FOOD        PAPER FOODWARE        (NAPKINS, PLATES, BOWLS)        ITEMS LABELED        "COMPOSTABLE"</p> </div> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>NO CUPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> ALL FOOD</li> <li> NAPKINS</li> <li> PAPER PLATES</li> <li> CHOPSTICKS</li> </ul>	<div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>GLASS        METAL        PLASTIC        BOTTLES &amp;        JUGS ONLY</b></p> </div> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>NO CUPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> BOTTLES &amp; CANS</li> <li> GLASS JARS</li> <li> PLASTIC BOTTLES &amp; JUGS</li> </ul> <p style="color: red;">*NO LIDS OR CAPS</p> <p style="color: red;">*BOTTLES - OPENING SMALLER THAN BASE</p> <p style="color: red;">*JUGS - INCLUDES HANDLE</p>	<div style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; padding: 5px;">  <p><b>PAPER</b>        OFFICE PAPER        NEWSPAPER        PAPERBOARD        MAGAZINES</p> </div> <p style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center;"><b>NO CUPS        NAPKINS        PLATES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> OFFICE PAPER</li> <li> NON-WHITE PAPER</li> <li> NEWSPAPER</li> <li> MAGAZINES</li> <li> PAPERBOARD</li> <li> ENVELOPES</li> </ul>
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**WHEN IN DOUBT... THROW IT OUT!**

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