Waste and Recycling Quiz

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Question 1 pts

UO can accept what kind of plastics for recycling?

- Bottles and jugs
  
  Correct! Excellent work!

- All plastics
  
  Incorrect. UO can only accept bottles (where the top is smaller than the body) and jugs (anything with a handle).

- No plastics
  
  Incorrect. UO can accept bottles (where the top is smaller than the body) and jugs (anything with a handle).

- Anything with a "recycling mobius" on the bottom
Incorrect. UO can only accept bottles (where the top is smaller than the body) and jugs (anything with a handle). Plastics marked as "compostable" are only compostable in industrial grade composters, which our local sources do not have.
UO can accept what kind of paper products for recycling?

- Office paper, mail, magazines and newspapers, cardstock (used for food packaging, cards, etc.)

  Correct! Almost all paper, so long as it does not have wax coating and is clean, can be recycled at UO.

- No paper

  Incorrect. UO can accept office paper, mail, magazines and newspapers, and cardstock (used for food packaging like cracker and cereal boxes, cards, etc.)

- Only office and notebook paper

  Incorrect. UO can accept office paper, but also mail, magazines and newspapers, and cardstock (used for food packaging like cracker and cereal boxes, cards, etc.)

- Only takeout containers

  Incorrect. UO can accept office paper, mail, magazines and newspapers, and cardstock (used for food packaging like cracker and cereal boxes, cards, etc.) In fact, many paper takeout containers are coated in plastic and so are not recyclable.

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What items should never go in the recycling?

- Coffee cups
Partially correct, but there are other items too.

- **Plastic drink cups**
  Partially correct, but there are other items too.

- **Straws**
  Partially correct, but there are other items too.

- **Disposable lids**
  Partially correct, but there are other items too.

- **All of these items**
  Correct! Well done!

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It does not matter if my materials have food or liquid on them when I throw them in the recycling because the UO Zero Waste program will sort and clean everything.

- **True**
  Incorrect. It is very important that all your recyclables be clean before you put them in the bin because dirty materials in the recycling bin can ruin other materials that could have been recycled.

- **False**
Where can I get a used water bottle and find other ways to be involved in sustainability at UO?

- **The Student Sustainability Center in the EMU**
  
  Correct! The SSC also provides access to other reused materials, including clothes and office supplies, and can connect you to student groups as well.

- **The Office of Sustainability**
  
  Incorrect, although we would love to hear from you!

- **My Environmental Studies class**
  
  Incorrect. Your professors and fellow students might have some information but the Student Sustainability Center is your best source on campus for reused items for students.

- **Nowhere**
  
  Incorrect. The Student Sustainability Center gives out found water bottles, as well as office supplies, clothes, and other items.
In which of the following ways, does waste contribute to greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming?

- Methane released from landfills as organic materials decompose
  Correct! Methane is a very potent greenhouse gas so it's important to limit its release.

- In the product's manufacturing
  Correct! Greenhouse gas emissions are released through the energy it takes to make things.

- In the process of recycling
  Correct! Greenhouse gas emissions are released through the energy it takes to recycle things.

- Beach pollution
  Incorrect. While beach pollution is a serious issue, it alone does not contribute directly to the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming.

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**Question**

Where should I go if I want support with how to recycle or handle waste materials at UO?

- UO Zero Waste program website
  Correct! Check out the "More Info and Get Involved" page in this module for the links.

- Support text phone number
Correct! Check out the "More Info and Get Involved" page in this module for the number.

My professors

Incorrect. Your professors might have good information but many will not and it is best to get your information directly from the team working on waste and recycling at UO, the Zero Waste Program.

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**Question**  

The UO has different waste and recycling guidelines and options than the rest of Eugene and Springfield.

- **True**

Correct! The UO has our own contracts with the "haulers" of materials, including waste and recyclables, which means we have our own guidelines.

- **False**

Incorrect. The UO has our own contracts with the "haulers" of materials, including waste and recyclables, which means we have our own guidelines.

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**Question**  

What is one thing I can do to reduce waste and/or increase recycling?