

DU Waste Flow Chart

START HERE!

What's in your hands?



does it say compostable?

NO

yes!

what's it made of?

something else?

glass

aluminum

tin

plastic #1-#7

do you wipe your face/hands with it?

NO

yes!

what's it made of?

styrofoam

paper

plastic #1,3,4,6,7

plastic #2 or 5

is it a carton?

NO

yes!

did it have food in it?

yes!

NO



If you got the cup at DU, it is recyclable unless noted as compost!



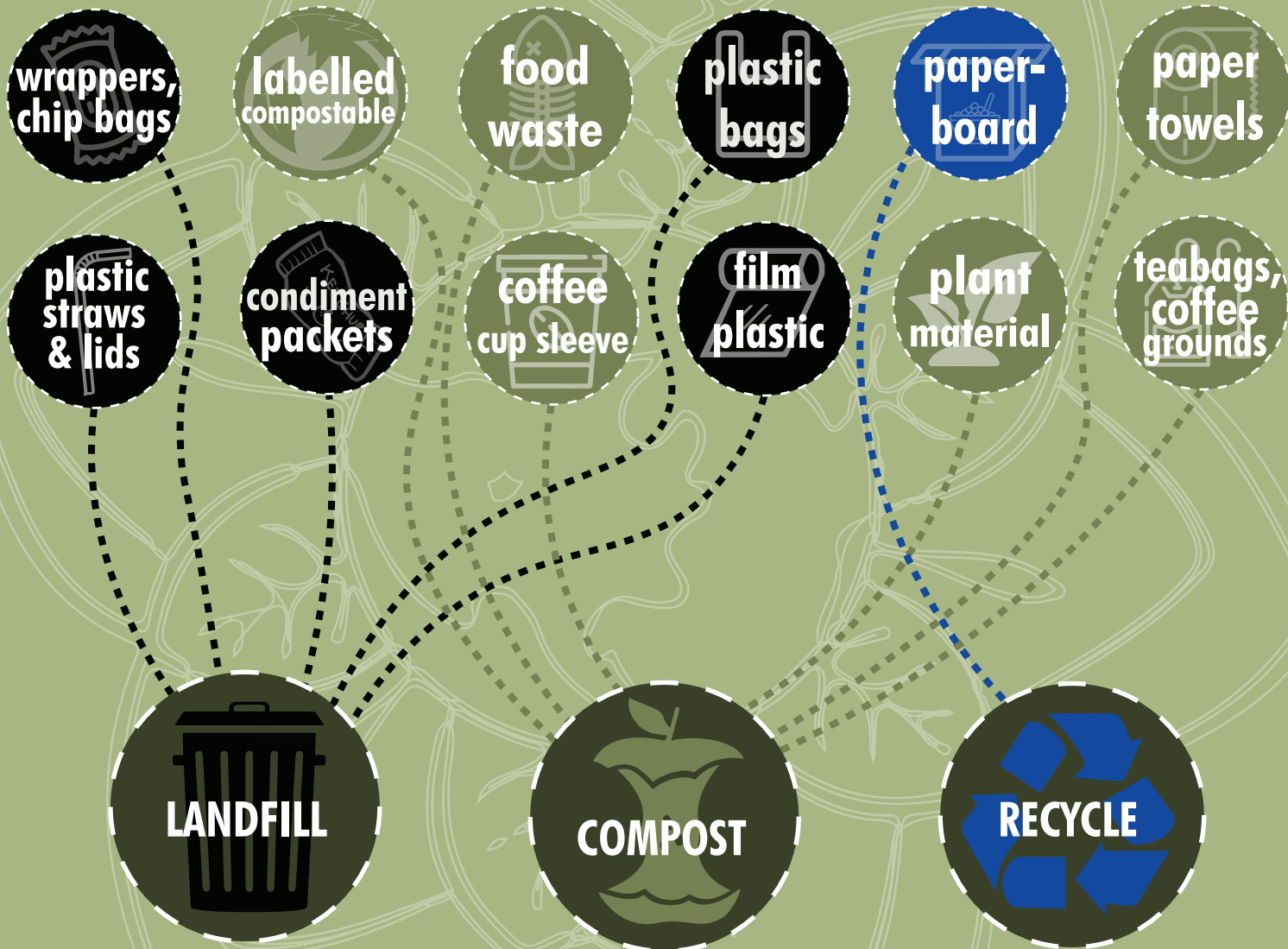
make sure it's clean

coffee and soda cups are now recyclable!

Tissues and paper towels are compost!



Easier Stuff to Sort



Questions about what goes where?
check out Alpine Waste and Recycling's
website which has full lists of both
compostable and recyclable items:

www.alpinewaste.com

Recycling Myth:

The recycling triangles with the number in it indicate that something is recyclable. This isn't true! The triangle with the number inside JUST means that something was made out of plastic. Not all plastics are recyclable in Denver!



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Hard-to-Recycle Materials



batteries



printer cartridge



e-waste

rechargeable?

NO

yes!

alkaline batteries no longer contain lead and recycling is cost prohibitive

did you box them up?

NO

yes!

good job! Staples is able to pick up labelled boxes of printer cartridges to recycle when they drop off other deliveries to your office

great! if their lifetime is truly over, lithium ion, lead acid, and other rechargeable batteries can be recycled at the Center for Sustainability

all e-waste is now recycled through IT@DU's ServiceNow system. put in a request at their website and IT will clear all data and recycle items properly

that's okay! Konica Minolta has a recycling program. They will send a pre-labelled UPS box for you to fill and return.
<https://www.myctlportal.com/konica-minolta>

Recycling Myth:

Because we have single stream recycling, we don't have to do any sorting - this city will just figure it out. Single stream recycling makes it more convenient to recycle, but contamination is a problem. You should still separate items that go into the recycling from items that go in compost or special recycling programs, like these hard-to-recycle items.

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Other Hard-to-Recycle

Materials

incandescent
lightbulbs

film
plastics

coffee
pods

compact
fluorescent
lightbulbs

disposable
eatware

e-waste

Good news! If you have any of these items they can be recycled at the Center for Sustainability's hard to recycle station located in North Centennial Towers

rechargeable
batteries

wrappers

pens &
pencils

felt
markers

Recycling Myth:

Recycling is the same everywhere you go. No! One of the hardest things about recycling education is that the rules are based on the city you live in and even the individual company who hauls your waste. This means that you should look up local recycling guidelines in every new place you move or visit.

packing
materials

Recycling Tip:

It can be easy to feel like you don't have the time to sort your recycling or to make sure that items end up in the right bin. But taking that extra 30 seconds to read the sign and put your waste in the right place makes a huge difference for DU and for our local environment. Still confused about how to recycle? Check out our handy recycling flow chart or email us at sustainability@du.edu. We'd be happy to answer any questions that you have!



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