

WESTERN SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRO USC'S



# GUIDE TO WASTE DIVERSION



Western  
Sustainability



## Important to note:

Recycling practices are different in *each city* across Canada!

Some cities recycle all items together (single-stream) and in some cities you must separate recyclable items (two-stream).

London has a two-stream recycling system, meaning we ***must separate Paper and Containers recycling.***

Download the Recycle Coach App for a quick and easy way to learn what goes where in our city.



### Don't forget!

The Recycle Coach App is great for sorting Paper and Containers, but London does not have an Organics Program (and Western does) so use both the App and this Guide for a full picture of Waste Diversion at Western.

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# ORGANICS AND LANDFILL

## Green Bins for Organics

Green bins can only be found in the dining halls. You do not need to clean out your paper based food containers to put it into the green bin.

What is okay to put in here?

- ✓ Any type of food scraps
- ✓ All paper-based food containers
- ✓ Paper napkins / paper towels
- ✓ Paper coffee cups

What to not put in here

- ✗ The plastic lids of the containers
- ✗ Compostable plastic



## Landfill

What is okay to put in here?

- ✓ Utensils and straws
- ✓ Chip bags and candy wrappers
- ✓ Plastic bags, film and wrap
- ✓ Compostable plastic



# IT TAKES TWO: PAPER & CONTAINERS RECYCLING

**Remember:**  
If paper and  
containers are  
**mixed** it's  
considered  
**contaminated** and  
goes to landfill!

## **Blue Bins for Paper**

What is okay to put in here?

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Boxboard
- ✓ Magazines and newspaper

What to not put in here

- ✗ No paper containers
- ✗ No soiled paper



## **Blue Bins for Containers**

These bins can be found in your room, dining hall and around campus.

This containers should be mostly clean of food and liquid.

What is okay to put in here?

- ✓ Bottles, cartons, cans and glass
- ✓ Plastic and foil take out containers
- ✓ Plastic lids

What to not put here

- ✗ Compostable plastic
- ✗ Bags, utensils or straws
- ✗ Paper containers



Super  
helpful  
App!



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# RESIDENCE RECYCLING ROOMS

**You are responsible for bringing your recyclables down to the recycling room at your residence and placing them in the appropriate blue bin (paper or containers) for recycling.**

**Getting More Bags**  
**Recyclables MUST be in a CLEAR BAG. Otherwise they will go to landfill!**

How to get transparent bags for recycling?

- They are found in recycling rooms, or can be asked for at the front desk of your residence building
- Recyclables should be put into the appropriate blue bins in the Recycling Room at your residence



## **Med-Syd**

RM R007 in Sydenham hall, in the back hallway of Temblyn ground floor, around the corner from the cafeteria stairs.

## **Alumni**

RM 30, in the west wing of the ground floor, first door on your left (south side).

## **Saugeen**

RM 103, just inside the main floor lobby, across from the main entrance doors.

## **Lambton**

Exterior recycling room to the left as you exit the main entrance, headed towards the stairs to the parking.

## **Bayfield**

EarthBins just outside the main entrance.

## **Ontario**

RM 2C11, the same floor as the dining room, next to the West side double elevators, across from the big public washroom.

## **Perth**

RM 141, on the main level, to the right of the café

## **Essex**

RM 141, on the main level, just around the corner from the café on the left

## **London**

RM 114, past the stairs in the main lobby, just after the elevators turn right, second door on the left.

## **Elgin**

RM 30, across from the east wing elevator on the ground floor, to the right of the café.

## **Delaware**

There are recycling rooms on each floor at Delaware:

Ground floor Garbage and recycling room G.C.11 (Ground-South Wing)

First floor Garbage and recycling room 1.N.E. (NORTH-EAST wing)

Second floor Garbage and recycling room 2.N.E. (NORTH-EAST wing)

Third floor Garbage and recycling room 3.N.E. (NORTH-EAST wing)

Four floor Garbage and recycling room 4.N.E. (NORTH-EAST wing)

Main recycling room Close to the Loading dock G.N.6 (Ground North 6)

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