



# Catawba RECYCLES!

The Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, established in 2007, has spearheaded recycling efforts on campus and takes a leadership position on campus, advocating recycling, use of sustainable, green, and recycled products, and encouraging conservation and waste reduction.

While Catawba has had sporadic recycling and waste reduction efforts in place on campus for two decades, creation of the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling gave those efforts some staying power and momentum to build on. The office continues to provide continuity for student efforts, as well as initiatives begun by the College's Center for the Environment and other departments on campus. An on-campus composting program is planned for the future, and Catawba will participate in an EPA Peer Audit, which will point out areas or practices on campus where improvement is needed.

For more information, visit [www.catawba.edu/recycle](http://www.catawba.edu/recycle).

# the Facts

## Recycling Stats and Interesting Facts



**95 tons** of materials from the campus were recycled during the last fiscal year. This now stands as the goal to exceed in the future.

- With the amount of trash North Carolinians throw away, we would fill enough dumpsters to line the length of NC's I-40 more than six times in one year. That's 2,555 miles!
- North Carolinians throw away more than \$20 million in aluminum cans each year.
- North Carolina recycles 26 percent of its waste stream, composts 6 percent, sends 67 percent to landfills, and incinerates 1 percent.
- Almost all school supplies can be made from recycled materials
- Public transportation is a great way to save energy
- Only about half of all cans are recycled

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Don't Litter!**



# the Opportunities

## What You Can Recycle

- ✓ **YES:** Aluminum cans, glass containers, mixed paper, #1 and #2 plastics, flattened cardboard, junk mail, newspaper, cereal boxes, copy paper, magazines, etc.
- ⊘ **NO:** Food-contaminated items, styrofoam, adhesive labels, paper towels, rubber bands, waxed cardboard boxes, carbon paper, food wrappers, sticky tape, facial tissue, cellophane, metal binder fasteners, or pizza boxes.

**Put our recycle containers to work!** Look for recycling bins outside of residence halls and in offices and buildings. Use Multi Bags to carry your recycling items to:

- Salisbury-Rowan Hall front doors
- Barger-Zartman Hall lobby
- Pine Knot Hall front doors
- Woodson Hall front doors
- Stanback Hall side alcove
- Abernethy Village



# the Purpose

## Why You Should Recycle

- **Conserves Natural Resources:** Recycling saves natural resources such as trees and land and reduces the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals
- **Saves Landfill Space:** When the materials that you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills which conserves for future generations.
- **Saves Energy:** The energy associated with producing recycled content products is much less than what's involved with producing products from mined or forest-harvested materials.
- **Saves Clean Air and Water:** In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.
- **Creates Jobs:** A recent study showed that more than 14,000 recycling jobs exist in North Carolina, an increase of 12 percent in the last five years.



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