

# Creighton Recycling

At Creighton, we have a Single Stream Recycling (SSR) program. This means all recyclable materials such as plastic, aluminum, and paper can go into any recycling bin on campus. With SSR, we do not have to sort materials, which makes recycling at Creighton easier. This guide is meant to provide you with examples of items that we can recycle on campus. Our recycling partner is [First Star Recycling](#). First Star and the [City of Omaha](#) both have additional lists of recyclable materials.

Why do we recycle at Creighton? We have a responsibility to be good stewards of the earth, which includes our campus. By recycling, we reduce the amount of waste we send to landfills and the amount of greenhouse gases that we contribute to global climate change. Recycling has many [additional benefits](#), including keeping our common home healthy and safe for present and future generations.

While Single Stream Recycling can receive most of our common recyclables, we cannot accept all materials. Glass must be taken to [drop-off locations](#) throughout Omaha including the community recycling center located at 17th and Burt Streets. Plastic bags can be re-used, but are not accepted in our bins. Many grocery stores in town have special bins where you can bring your unwanted plastic bags. Please email Mary Duda at [mjduda@creighton.edu](mailto:mjduda@creighton.edu) to recycle aerosol cans. Electronics, scrap metal and rechargeable batteries are other items that we cannot accept in our bins on campus; however, we do have [special recycling programs](#) for these materials.

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## Paper + Cardboard

In Omaha, SSR collects almost all clean paper. Please make sure food containers are free of food and all boxes are broken down flat. SSR collection includes, but is not limited to:

- Magazines/Catalogues
- Newspapers
- Phonebooks
- Paperback Books
- Hardbound Books with covers removed
- Shoe Boxes
- Office Paper
- Colored Paper
- Notebook Paper
- Envelopes
- Paper Bags
- Wrapping Paper
- Detergent Boxes
- Soda Boxes
- Cereal Boxes
- Paper Egg Cartons
- Juice Boxes
- Milk Cartons
- Soup Boxes
- Clean Pizza Boxes

### 7% Rule

Make sure containers are as empty, clean, and dry as possible before recycling. The accepted amount of food and liquid in the recycling is 7% of the total volume.



## Metal

In Omaha, SSR accepts aluminum and tin/steel cans:

- Food Cans
- Beverage Cans
- Aluminum Bottles
- Tin Cans
- Steel Cans

The following items cannot be placed in our recycling bins, but please read about our [special recycling programs](#) for these materials:

- Batteries
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Computers, Televisions
- Desks, Chairs
- File Cabinets
- Pipes
- Anything with a circuit board



### These items should not be recycled in the recycling bins:

- Food and Liquids
- Glass
- Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags
- Rubber Bands
- Tissue Paper
- Paper Towels
- DVDs, CDs



## Plastic

In Omaha, SSR accepts plastic bottles, cups, caps, lids, food containers, and packaging with the following numbers:



Acceptable items include, but are not limited to:

- Water Bottles
- Soda Bottles
- Cooking Oil Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Food Containers
- Juice Bottles
- Cookie Trays
- Reuseable Food Storage Containers
- Disposable Food Storage Containers
- Microwave Meal Trays
- Cleaning Product Bottles
- Shampoo and Conditioner Bottles
- Mouthwash Bottles
- Body Wash Bottles
- Lotion Bottles
- Detergent Bottles
- Spray Bottles
- Soap Dispensers
- DVD/CD Cases
- Planting Pots