RDS and Recycling

Waste Diversion in Food Prep Setting
Why Recycle?

- Recycling saves resources
  - Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees!
- Recycling saves energy
  - Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television for 3 hours!
- Recycling is easy
  - There are 4 waste categories here at UM:
    - Paper Recycling
    - Mixed Container Recycling
    - Compostable
    - Not Recyclable (trash)
What Can Be Recycled?

- Mixed Paper
- Mixed Containers
Mixed Paper Recycling

- Acceptable Materials
  - Cardboard – it must be flattened!!
  - Boxboard & Paperboard – it must be flattened!
- Paper bags
- Office Paper & Junk Mail
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Phonebooks & Paperback books
Mixed Paper Recycling

- Unacceptable Materials
  - Paper plates
  - Paper cups
  - Tissues/Napkins

- Paper contaminated with food (e.g. paper ice cream containers)
- Waxed cardboard (e.g. cardboard boxes that produce often comes in)
Mixed Container Recycling

- Acceptable Materials
  - Steel Cans & Metal Lids
  - Clean Aluminum Foil, Cans, Plates
  - Glass Bottles & Jars
    - Labels OK!
  - Ceramics & Plate Glass
  - Plastic bottles
  - DO THE TWIST!!
  - Milk Cartons
  - Juice Boxes
  - Empty Aerosol Cans
  - Small Scrap Metal
Mixed Container Recycling

- Unacceptable Materials
  - Wide-mouthed plastic containers
    - DOES IT POP?
  - Plastic plates, cups, utensils
  - Yogurt cups
  - Ice cream tubs
  - Frozen fruit tubs
  - Items that contained toxic material
Mixed Container Recycling

- Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes, Soft Serve Cartons
  - These items go into **Mixed Container Recycling**.
  - They **do not** go into Paper Recycling!
- Why?
  - Paper recyclers cannot clean these containers enough to remove the food prior to processing.
  - Mixed container recyclers can clean these items and then process them with paper for recycling.
Food Waste Composting

- Barbour, East Quad, Markley, South Quad & West Quad participate
- Food prep waste placed into compost carts rather than trash
- Saves landfill space, avoids water pollution and makes great compost!!
Food Waste Composting

- Acceptable Materials
  - Fresh fruits & vegetables
  - Fruit & vegetable peelings
  - Bread/bagels
  - Plain rice
Food Waste Composting

- Unacceptable Materials
  - Meats & bones
  - Cheeses
  - Oils & butter
  - Gravy
    - If it will make your waistline grow, it probably can’t go!
  - Anything served to someone
At the Dock

- Paper Recycling Dumpster
- Mixed Container Recycling Cart
Things to Remember

- Break down all boxes before placing them in the paper recycling dumpster.
- Remove the lids to containers that you recycle.
- Recycling is fun!!!!!!!!!!
Gotta Question? Gotta Comment? Need Help?

- Call UM Waste Management Services
  - (76)3-5539
- Call UM Plant Operations Call Center
  - (64)7-2059
- Email us!!
  - recycle@umich.edu