

Here you can find comprehensive information about Chatham's Waste Diversion initiatives.

All waste receptacles are marked with the appropriate signage of waste that should be deposited in individual bins.

There are 6 kinds of receptacles that you can find on Chatham University's grounds:

- 1) Plastic Recycling
- 2) Paper and Cardboard Recycling
- 3) Metal Recycling
- 4) Compost
- 5) General Landfill Bin
- 6) Mixed Recycling (Plastic, Paper and Metal combined)

Please see information below to know how to properly dispose of all waste and help Chatham lower greenhouse gas emissions!

Plastic Recycling

Before discarding plastic containers, check that:

- It's #1 or #2 plastic (numbers #3 - #7 are not recyclable in Allegheny County, those go in the general trash bin)
- The plastic container is washed clean (dirty containers can create contamination, which may result in the whole batch of plastic that is in the bag to be thrown away, ending up in a landfill)

Do Recycle

- Plastic Bottles, jars, and jugs #1 & #2
 - Lids should be on the bottle. Do not remove your lids and throw them in your recycling bin.



Don't Recycle

- No clam-shell containers
- No plastics #3-#7 or unnumbered plastics
- No utensils
- No furniture or toys
- No caps or lids
- No tubs
- No straws
- No Keurig cups
- No yogurt containers
- No Styrofoam



* **Why are plastics #1 & #2 the only plastics being recycled?** – Plastic markets are increasingly demanding better quality material. With no market for higher numbered plastics, Material Recover Facilities (MRFs) can only accept the plastics that they are able to sell.

Source: <https://prc.org/curbside-recycling/>

Plastic Bags

Plastics bags are **not recycled** through the regular recycling stream. Those must be taken, **CLEAN AND DRY**, to **Giant Eagle or Target**, where they have dedicated plastic bag collection stations.



Paper and Cardboard Recycling

Before discarding paper and cardboard, check that:

- It is not dirty from food or liquid stains (those can also create contamination, therefore pizza boxes and other paper or cardboard items that once had food in them are not recyclable)

Do Recycle

- All Cardboard
 - Clean and Dry
 - Flattened

Don't Recycle

- No pizza boxes
 - If the top of the pizza box is not soiled, cut it off, and recycle it separately from the soiled portion
- No wet or soiled cardboard

Source: <https://prc.org/curbside-recycling/>

Metal Recycling

Before discarding glass and metal, check that:

- It is washed and rinsed clean (food residue left on metal and glass can create contamination)

Do Recycle

- Beverage Cans
- Food Cans
 - Pet food cans
- Aerosol Cans
 - Must be empty



Don't Recycle

- No metal clothing hangers

Source: <https://prc.org/curbside-recycling/>

Unfortunately, the waste haulers that Chatham are working with do not accept glass for recycling.

Compost



What Is Compostable?

- Food (cooked or raw)
- Soiled paper or cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes)
- GREENWARE plastics from the dining hall
- Vegetable scraps
- Coffee filters and grounds
- Tea bags

What Is Not Compostable?

- Plastics
- Packaging
- Glass, metal, treated wood
- Shoes
- Medical waste
- Basically, anything you wouldn't try to eat

GREENWARE Plastics & Compostable Take Out Containers

Parkhurst dining services use GREENWARE plastic and compostable take out containers. **These items are made from biodegradable material, therefore they can be discarded in composting bins.**

Which compostable dining materials does Chatham use?



- Take Out Containers



- Plates and Bowls



- Clear Plastic Snack Sleeves (they make a crunchy sound)



- Sandwich Containers
- Salad Containers
- Sauce Containers
- Cutlery Sets
- Clear Beverage Cups, Lids and Straws
- Coffee Cups, Sleeves and Lids
- Hot Food Cups and Lids
- Napkins and Coffee Stirrers

When in doubt about if something is recyclable or compostable, it is better to discard into the general landfill trash bin to avoid contamination!