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Waste Sorting Guide

When in doubt, ask first!

Compost

Was it food, or did it touch food? It goes here.

YES, PLEASE

- Fruit and veggie scraps
- Meat, fish and bones
- Bread, rice and pasta
- Cheese and eggshells
- Napkins and paper towels
- Paper bags
- Pizza boxes and food-soiled paper
- BPI-certified compostables (look for the logo)

NOPE

Any regular plastic: bags, gloves, wrappers, packaging

Recycle

Empty liquids. Hard plastics.

YES, PLEASE

- Office paper, magazines, newspapers
- Envelopes and file folders
- Cardboard boxes, flattened
- Cereal and food boxes
- Aluminum cans and food cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Water bottles
- Hard plastic containers

NOPE

Black bags. Use clear or see-through blue bags only.

Landfill

Soft plastics, styrofoam, foil.

THIS GOES HERE

- Chip bags and food wrappers
- Condiment packets
- Creamer cups
- Foil and plastic wrap
- Plastic gloves
- Plastic and ziplock bags
- Styrofoam

NOPE

Anything hazardous. See the back.

Not sure? Email **sustainability@thecircuit.com**

Flip over for load in/out →

LOAD IN & LOAD OUT

What goes in the roll-offs

Open-top roll-offs sit all over campus during load in/out. Clean materials only: no paint, liquids or chemicals.



ROLL-OFF (OPEN TOP)

Cardboard
Big boxes, tubes and shipping cartons. Flatten them.

Wood
Untreated lumber, crates and build scraps. No particleboard.

Metal
Scrap metal, brackets and old fixtures.

Plastic pallets
Straight into the roll-off.

Got concrete, stone, drywall or brush? Those can go in too, but check with us before loading.

Wood pallets?
Don't toss them. Stack them neatly in designated areas. Reach out to your COTA point of contact or email sustainability@thecircuit.com for more info.

Roll-off rules
Never pile above the top edge. No black bags or loose plastic: those go in the trash compactors.

⚠ Hazardous Waste

Not trash, not recycling, not compost, not the roll-offs. Set it aside and contact the sustainability team.

- **Chemicals** · paint, solvents, thinners, pesticides, herbicides
- **Electronics** · and all batteries
- **Aerosol cans**
- **Medical waste**
- **Car stuff** · motor oil, oily rags, oil filters, coolant, gas, car batteries
- **Lighting** · light bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- **Appliances** · fridges, AC units, anything with Freon
- **Oversized items** that don't fit inside

Packing for COTA
We have a single-use plastic ban, packaging included. Use cardboard or BPI-certified compostable plastic.

Need supplies?
Running low on compostable liners, recycling bins or compostable utensils? Reach out and we'll get you sorted.

Questions? sustainability@thecircuit.com

Thanks for keeping COTA clean