

Why should I recycle?



For the University...



“There are better places for education dollars than a hole in the ground!”

- **Recycling saves money!**

If you put it in the trash, there are tipping and disposal fees. If you recycle it, UVA Recycling can cover part of its costs by selling the recoverable resources. Recycling saves **\$21** per ton of waste.

- **UVA’s Eco-Reputation**

Recycling is just another thing that UVA does best—the division has won 13 awards since 1994.



For the Environment...



- **Conservation is Important**

Excessive pressure on the Earth’s resources and capacity to process waste does not only cause current problems like deforestation, destruction of animal habitat, water and air pollution, and resource depletion but could escalate to a more severe situation and already has in many less fortunate areas of the world.

- **Recycling makes Resources Work for us Longer**

With recycling, we need less raw material. There are less environmental drawbacks to reprocessing materials than mining for metals, drilling for oil, or harvesting trees for paper. Of course, this cycle depends on demand for recycled goods, so look for products with recycled content! Also, don’t forget the other Rs—reduce and reuse—since they eliminate the need for more materials altogether.



Recycling back site, behind Slaughter at the end of Leake Drive off Alderman, where UVA Recycling employees sort bags of collected material and crush them into bales



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