

TRASH TALK

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To reach campus sustainability goals for 2025, recycling must become a key component in our waste reduction system. Proper waste management saves energy while conserving resources for future generations. Though we have more opportunities than ever before to recycle and be more eco-friendly, it is important to be responsible and recycle correctly. Here's a quick reminder of what goes inside each bin. Recyclable items that can go into

blue recycling bins include glass bottles and jars, metal and aluminum cans, plastic containers, and plastic bags. Please make sure what you are recycling is dry and does not have more than 10% of food debris, and that plastic bags are bagged into another plastic bag before putting it in the recycling bin. Any food waste, compostable cups, biodegradable bags, compostable take-out boxes can go inside **green compost bins**.

Lastly, **black waste bins** are meant for anything that cannot be recycled or composted. Reducing your carbon footprint does not end here! For more information on reducing waste, The City of Santa Cruz has provided a multilingual, in-depth guide and quiz to test your knowledge on waste management. <https://bit.ly/2DPbPVi>



Hazardous waste, such as lightbulbs and batteries, contain toxins and should never be placed in the trash. Put lightbulbs in a box labeled "lightbulbs for disposal" in Suite 460, next to the copier.



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