

Are you throwing something out?

Use this flowchart to determine where your waste item belongs.

At each branching point, you must answer **YES** or **NO**. 1. Can you separate it into different parts?

- **2.** Is it edible?
- **3.** Was it edible?
- 4. Did it live, or is it derived from something that lived?
- **5.** Is it made of trees?

- **6.** Is it clean paper?
- **7.** Is it still useful?
- 8. Did it use electricity, or was it part of something that used electricity?
- 9. Is it predominately metal, glass, 11. Does it have this symbol? or paper?

If you reach this point without figuring out where to put your item, you can ask wastebusters@carleton.edu

- **10.** Is it plastic or styrofoam?
- **12.** Does it say "compostable?"

COMPOST

Compost bins have green bags. In dorms, compost bins are located in bathrooms, lounges, and kitchens—not in hallways. The bin may be yellow, blue, or gray.





SOILED PAPER

- ▶ pizza boxes and paper plates
- paper towels, napkins, and tissues
- paper used to wrap or package food

FRIDAY FLOWERS

- ▶ including the paper wrap
- DISPOSABLE COFFEE CUPS
 - ▶ the lids are recyclable

SAYLES TO GO ITEMS

- ► clear plastic "Greenware" e.g. smoothie cups
- ▶ disposable eating utensils (off-white plastic)
- chopsticks and straws

FOOD WASTE

- fruits and veggies
- ▶ meat, bones, dairy



DECYCLE

Recycling receptacles are blue, with a black or white bag. In dorms, recycling receptacles are located in hallways, kitchens, lounges, and personal rooms.

The white bag lining this bin is **non-recyclable**. It can be reused. landfilled. or not used at all.

When emptying your room bin, do not leave this bag with other recyclables.



- **PAPER** (clean and dry, otherwise compost)
 - ▶ old notebooks and papers from class
 - newspapers and other publications

DISPOSABLE COFFEE LIDS

▶ the cups are compostable

ALUMINUM

- ▶ beer and beverage cans
- ▶ pie dishes and aluminum take out trays
- ▶ aluminum or "tin" foil
- GLASS BOTTLES & JARS
- ADDROADD
- HARD PLASTICS
 - beverage bottles, yogurt cups
 - ▶ Solo cups
 - ► Sayles sauce containers and sushi plates

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Write GUFF* on the food and leave it in the lounge or fridge FOOD for your floormates to enjoy.

*Given Up For Floor

Options for donation

CLOTHES. **FOOTWEAR**

Deposit in the lost and found boxes in any laundry room.

TOILETRIES. COSMETICS, **SUPPLEMENTS** Contact the waste hotline: wastebusters@carleton.edu

Partially used products are eligible for donation.

BOOKS

Sell to the bookstore

on any textbook buy-back day.

Deposit in Books for Africa bin at the entranceway of the library.

FURNITURE. **APPLIANCES** Sell on the Noon News Bulletin.

Donate to the Lighten Up sale at the end of spring term.

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BATTERIES

Item

A battery-shaped receptacle in Savles by the newspaper racks

INK CARTRIDGES

For smaller devices and cabling: Technotrash receptacles in the CMC lobby and by the ITS

Helpdesk

For larger hardware: contact wastebusters@carleton.edu

Find your custodian or contact wastebusters@carleton.edu

