

Background

The University of Southern Mississippi began a recycling program in 1992 involving students as well as faculty and staff. Southern Miss was the first university in the state to begin a recycling program. Since its inception, Southern Miss has recycled over 3,952,056 pounds of recyclables and proved a net value of \$134,811 to the University.

Did you know?

One average tree removes 13 pounds of carbon dioxide from the air each year.

Recycling one ton of paper saves:

- 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity
- 9 barrels (380 gallons) of oil
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
- 60 pounds of air pollutants
- 7,000 gallons of water
- 17 trees

Each day, Americans produce enough waste paper to fill the New Orleans Superdome.

Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a television set for three hours or to light one 100 watt bulb for 20 hours.

Americans throw away enough aluminum every three months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

What does Southern Miss recycle?

Each local recycling program is designed to handle specific materials. At Southern Miss, the following items are recycled:

- **MIXED OFFICE PAPER**
Office letterhead
Envelopes (no windows)
Copier paper
White paper
Most discarded mail
Green bar computer paper
- **CARDBOARD**
Clean, flattened corrugated cardboard. Flatten boxes before depositing in recycling containers.
No wax coated boxes, please.
- **NEWSPAPER**
Newspaper or newsprint without glossy inserts or colored ink.
- **ALUMINUM**
Soft drink cans or any container labeled "recyclable aluminum"
- **PLASTIC**
PET (drink bottles) and HDPE (milk jugs).
No plastic bags, please.
- **TONER CARTRIDGES**
Southern Miss Stores will pick up.
- **RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES**
Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)

Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)

Lithium Ion (Li-ion)

Small Sealed Lead (Pb)*

** weighing less than 2 lbs./1 kg.*

These include batteries from small portable electronics, cell and cordless phones, two-way radios, camcorders, laptops, and cordless power tools.

No alkaline batteries, please.

The USM Physical Plant also recycles:

- Used motor oil
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries

Recycling Container Locations

Most offices on campus have individual recycling bins. The following locations have special containers for recycling. Please see the labels on recycling containers for the type of materials collected at each location.

- McCain Library – west side
- University Union – east side
- Johnson Science Tower – north side
- Cook Library – west side
- Forrest County Hall
- Polymer Science

Drop-Off Locations

Southern Miss has two drop-off locations for aluminum cans and newspaper:

- 4th Street at the Physical Plant
- Pine Haven Apartments

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Here are some things you can do to help:

- Participate in the recycling program by separating recyclables and putting them in drop-off containers.
- Don't throw away what you can use again—plastic containers, for instance, can be used many times.
- Reuse paper by using the blank side for scratch paper.
- Use the Internet to receive news, catalogs, stock reports and other information that usually comes to your house in a paper format.
- Purchase and use a reusable coffee mug or cup.

Southern Miss departments requiring pick-up of a large volume of recyclables may contact the Physical Plant at 266-4414 to make arrangements for pick-up.

The university community is encouraged to bring recyclable items from their homes to avoid depositing them in local landfills.

For more information about the Southern Miss recycling program, contact Virginia Kittrell, Manager of Work Control and Environmental Services, Physical Plant, (601) 266-4416 or Virginia.kittrell@usm.edu.