



POLICY ON RECYCLING

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TITLE OF THE POLICY:	Policy on Recycling
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PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	This policy aims to reduce campus contribution to the landfill by recycling plastic bottles and aluminum cans and by reducing the volume of paper used on campus. It also aims to encourage the campus community to recycle in their own environment.
REVISION NUMBER:	
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Vice President, Operations
RELATED POLICY/POLICIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Banning Plastic & Styrofoam Purchase in UB Departments & Academic units • Policy Governing Sustainable Food-Service Products on Campus
APPENDIX:	

1. Preamble

The University of The Bahamas (UB) seeks to advance environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campuses, which embody approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being. All departments and academic units that generate waste should make waste minimisation and recycling a top priority and an integral component of their daily operations. Every employee and student has the responsibility to exercise these behaviors, thereby helping to reduce our carbon footprint. As part of this broader effort and to address trash reduction, public health, marine life protection, and environmental sustainability, UB will:

- 1.1. Recycle plastic bottles and aluminum cans to reduce the campus' contribution to the landfill.
- 1.2 Engage in source reduction. This includes but is not limited to making double-sided copies, increased use of electronic mail instead of memos and e-vites instead of invitations (internal), etc.
- 1.3 Purchase products made from recycled materials. The university should purchase recycled products wherever economically feasible.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all campuses and centres in New Providence. As recycling facilities become available on Family Islands, the campuses there shall be covered by this policy.

3. Definitions

- 3.1 **Aluminum can** = A soft drink can. E.g. soda can, juice can, or a vitamalt can.
- 3.2 **Plastic bottle** = A soft drink bottle or other container that is numbered:
 - 3.2.1 1 - Polyethylene terephthalate (PETE or PET);
 - 3.2.2 2 - High density polyethylene (HDPE) and
 - 3.2.3 5 - Polypropylene (PP).

4. Recycling Bins

- 4.1 All recycling bins within the University shall be color coded for proper recycling procedures on campus.
 - 4.1.1 Green – All green recycling bins on campus shall be designated specifically for the collection of aluminum cans
 - 4.1.2 Blue – All blue recycling bins on campus shall be designated specifically for the collection of plastics.

5. Implementation

- 5.1 University locations which will be affected by this policy will put up recycling collections bins in prominent areas and in some offices.
- 5.2 These bins will be emptied by Physical Plant. The contents will be emptied into the pro-tainer provided for collection.

- 5.3 WasteNot Bahamas will share the profit made from recycling aluminum cans with the institution. The price depends on the market rate for aluminum, but usually 0.30 cents per pound.