1. Get the Facts

Meet with your college sustainability or waste management office to find out what can and can’t be recycled through your campus program. Also, be sure to ask about special drop-off locations for items such as electronics, batteries, plastic bags/film, and light bulbs.

2. Customize the Cheat Sheet and Quiz

Look at our attached templates and make sure the quiz questions apply to your campus recycling program. Does your program accept a material that might surprise students? Add it to the customizable question space.

3. Gather Materials and Start Quizzing

Checklist

☐ Printed copies of the recycling quiz, or a digital display of the quiz
☐ 10 recycling cheat sheets
☐ 20 pens or pencils if using printed
☐ Prizes: large quantity of water bottles or one larger prize for a raffle
☐ Table

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Recycling at [Name of School]

Our campus program accepts all the usual items you think of for recycling: steel and aluminum food and beverage cans, paper, cardboard, paperboard (like a macaroni and cheese box), and plastic water bottles and caps. You probably already know to recycle those things in your dorm, at the library, in the gym, and wherever else you’re out and about on campus. But here are a few things you might not have realized you could recycle:

• Pizza boxes IF they’re grease-free (tear off and recycle the top half if the bottom is greasy).
• Shampoo bottles: recycle these along with your plastic and glass drink bottles.
• [Insert one more item that your campus collects through its recycling program or a special drop-off point (i.e. batteries, electronics, plastic bags, caps on water bottles, and/or light bulbs)]. Use this item to fill in Question 5 of the quiz.

And remember, you can recycle in almost every campus building: dorms, academic buildings, the gym, the library, the stadium. So, look for a recycling bin the next time you’re thinking of tossing away valuable recyclables!
Recycling at [Name of School]

1. Can you recycle shampoo bottles along with your plastic beverage bottles?
   (Circle one)  Yes  No

2. Do you need to rinse out your cans, bottles, and jars before putting them in a recycling bin?
   (Circle one)  Yes  No

3. Are pizza boxes recyclable?
   (Circle one)  Yes  No  It's complicated

4. Name three places you can find recycling bins on campus.

5. Can you recycle [insert hard-to-recycle item that your school collects] at [name of school]?