

WHAT HAPPENS TO UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO RECYCLABLES?

ALUMINUM CANS

All aluminum cans collected at the University of New Mexico (UNM) are baled and stored by UNM Recycling. The bales are picked up by Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM (<http://www.masterfibers.com>) for further processing at mills in the United States.

BATTERIES

All batteries are shipped to certified recycling facilities in the U.S. for further processing.

CLOTHING/ HOUSEHOLD GOODS

These materials are collected by UNM Recycling and are taken to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in Albuquerque, NM for distribution to homeless people.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

All cardboard collected is baled and stored by UNM Recycling. The bales are picked up by Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM <http://www.masterfibers.com/> for further processing at mills in Mexico.

ELECTRONIC WASTE (E-WASTE)

Most e-waste at UNM is disposed of through the Surplus Property department via public auction. Any e-waste that is handled by UNM Recycling is sent to Albuquerque Recycling, <http://www.albuquerque recycling.net>. Albuquerque Recycling is an R2 certified facility and does not sell or send materials overseas.

FERROUS METAL SCRAP

This category may consist of construction and demolition (C&D) waste, remodeling waste or office type items made of metals such as iron, wrought iron, mild steel, carbon steel, stainless steel and tin. Items made of these metals are collected in a 30-yard open top bin and taken to Acme Iron and Metal in Albuquerque, NM. Please refer to <http://www.macraesbluebook.com/search/company.cfm?company=518664> for information about further processing at mills in the United States.

GLASS

All glass collected by UNM Recycling is put into the City of Albuquerque collection bin located on the south side of the PIT on University Blvd. SE. The City crushes the glass and stockpiles it for future use.

LIGHT BULBS/TUBES

Fluorescent tubes, Compact Fluorescent Lights, and Incandescent Bulbs are crushed in a special machine on site and shipped off site in sealed drums to a certified recycling facility in Indiana.

MIXED PAPER

This type of paper is the lowest grade of paper. It may be a mixture of magazines, catalogs, phone books, brochures, other glossy papers and newspapers. This paper is stored in a 30-yard open top bin. When the bin is full it is taken to Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM for further processing at mills in Mexico.

NON-FERROUS METAL SCRAP

This category may be C&D waste such as wire, pipe or scrap made of metals such as aluminum, brass, copper, non-magnetic stainless steel or lead. The materials are taken to Acme Iron and Metal, Albuquerque, NM for further processing.

OFFICE PACK

This type of paper may be a mixture of white paper, colored paper, newspaper, shredded paper, etc. Office Pack is collected in 30-yard open top bins. When the bins are full they are taken to Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM for further processing at mills in Mexico.

PALLETS (WOODEN)

Wooden pallets are collected, rebuilt and resold to local companies. Pallets which cannot be rebuilt are recycled into wood stove fuel pellets by a local company called, WOOD YOU RECYCLE, and sold nationwide.

PLASTIC (#1, PET or PETE)

This type of plastic is separated out from other plastics, baled and stored by UNM Recycling. The bales are picked up by Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM for further processing at mills in the United States and China.

PLASTIC (#5, PP)

This type of plastic is separated, bagged and taken to the City of Albuquerque recycling bins located south of the Pit. From there it is taken to the Friedman Recycling Facility in Albuquerque, NM where it is sorted, cleaned, baled, and shipped to mills in the United States and China.

PLASTICS (#2, #4, #7)

After #1 and #5 plastics are separated out the remaining plastics are bagged and put into the City of Albuquerque collection bin located on the south side of the PIT on University Blvd. SE. The City bales the plastic and sells it to mills.

ROSE (Reusable Office Supplies and Equipment)

Any office supplies such as pencils, pens, file folders, or staplers are collected and put into the ROSE program for distribution back onto the campus.

SHREDDED PAPER

When this type of paper has been bagged it is collected in a 30-yard open top bin. If the shredded paper is loose and has been mixed with other paper it is handled as Office Pack paper. When the bin is full it is taken to Master Fibers, Albuquerque, NM for further processing at mills in Mexico.

STYROFOAM (#6 PLASTIC)

Styrofoam peanuts are taken to UPS Stores, given to local small businesses or to the UNM Press for reuse. Lacking any capacity to recycle Styrofoam blocks in New Mexico, they are disposed of in the trash.

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