All recycling is managed by SLU’s trained custodial staff and is taken to a local recycling center by Progressive Waste Solutions.

**What is SINGLE STREAM?**

Single-Stream Recycling collects everyday glass, plastic, aluminum, paper and cardboard recyclables in a **single blue bin.** This eliminates the need to sort the materials, making it easier and more user-friendly to recycle.

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact us at greenbilliken@slu.edu or visit recycling.slu.edu

**NEED A BIN OR WANT TO GET RID OF ELECTRONIC WASTE?**

Go to famisweb.slu.edu
**WHY RECYCLE?**

- **Recycling is better for the environment**
  Recyling 75% of waste across the nation would reduce emissions by 276 million metric tons, which is the same as eliminating emissions from 72 coal-fired power plants or taking 50 million cars off the road.

- **Recycling is better for people**
  By 2030, recycling is estimated to add 1.5 million jobs to the American economy.

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  Removing recycling from campus costs approximately 40% less than removing trash. A missed opportunity to recycle is like throwing money into a landfill.

Since SLU has introduced single-stream recycling, waste collection costs have been lowered by 16%, saving tens of thousands of dollars annually. Increases are due to campus growth.

**RECYCLE IN BLUE CONTAINERS ON CAMPUS**

**WHAT TO RECYCLE**

- Paper coffee cups
- Newspapers
- Empty to-go containers
- Soda cans
- Plastic bottles
- Flyers & handouts
- Milk cartons
- Junk mail
- This brochure

**NOT single-stream recyclable:**

- Waxer paper
- Batteries
- Styrofoam
- Ceramics
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Plastic bags
- Electronics
- Paper Towels

**EVERYDAY RECYCLABLES:**

- Paper
- Plastic
- Metal
- Glass

**THE CONTAMINATION RULE**

If you’ve used it up, you can toss it in. Empty containers are recyclable even if they aren’t perfectly clean. However, if more than 5% of the recycling contains contaminants such as food, liquid, Styrofoam, and other non-recyclable materials, then it will be sent to the landfill.

**WASTE & RECYCLING COSTS**

As a participant in STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System), SLU approaches recycling as a gateway to developing a more sustainable campus.