

# BIN PAIRING STANDARDS

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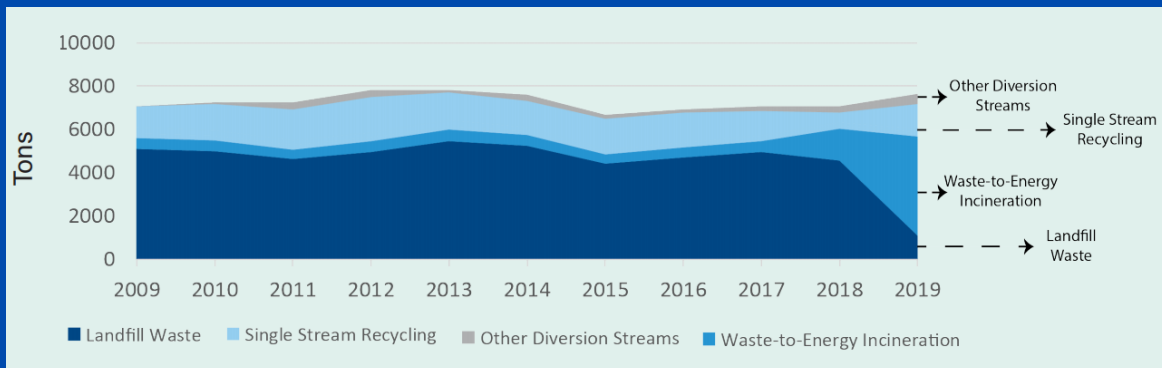
# BACKGROUND

Penn's Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) Strategic Waste Subcommittee is committed to reducing the amount of waste produced on campus and increasing the percentage of waste materials that are diverted from landfill. Utilizing consistent waste and recycling infrastructure across campus can improve recycling rates as members of the University community are able to more easily recognize recycling infrastructure. The Strategic Waste Subcommittee has selected approved waste and recycling bin products and vendors that are outlined in this document. This document includes five options for approved waste and recycling bins.

Before purchasing new bins for your buildings, conduct a "binventory" (an inventory of the trash and recycling bins on each floor).

## WASTE REDUCTION GOAL

Penn Sustainability aims to increase Penn's overall waste diversion from landfill and minimize the amount of waste sent to landfill or waste-to-energy. Below you can see our progress towards achieving these goals.



# BIN & BAG COLORS

The University of Pennsylvania color codes waste to make recycling and trash collection easier. **Recycling** should be put in **blue bags** and receptacles, trash in **clear bags** and **grey** receptacles, and **food waste** in **green bags** and receptacles.

Put recycled materials in **blue** bags or containers



Put trash in clear bags labeled trash or gray and black containers



Put food waste and compost in **green** containers or bags



# THE BASICS

ALWAYS PAIR **ONE** RECYCLING BIN WITH **ONE** TRASH BIN

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## **Single Stream Recycling**

Penn uses single-stream recycling. This means that all recyclable items can be placed together in the same recycling bin.

## **Legacy Bins**

Some schools and centers have recycling bins for paper only, aluminum only, etc. from a time when recycling was managed differently at Penn. These legacy recycling bins can accept *any* recyclable material and should be replaced with single-stream recycling bins at the end of their useful life.

## **Always include signage**

Penn Sustainability has developed standard signage that is specific to common materials on campus and our recycling infrastructure. Always post this signage prominently and at eye-level near waste and recycling bins. You can find current waste signage on Penn Sustainability site.

# OPTIONS

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SLIM JIM  
RUBBERMAID  
(PLASTIC)



BUSCH SYSTEM  
WASTE WATCHERS  
(PLASTIC)



# OPTIONS

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MAGNUSON  
GROUP  
VALUTA  
(STAINLESS  
STEEL)



**SAFCO PUBLIC  
SQUARE**  
(LID AND BASE SOLD SEPARATELY)  
LID: SQUARE-FECTA™ LID  
BASE: 31 GALLON



# OPTIONS

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**Recycling**



**Trash**

## GALLON ROUND BRUTE CONTAINER (PLASTIC)

## QUESTIONS?

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