



# *a quick guide to* **SUSTAINABILITY**

## **A Sustainable Ursinus**

The Office of Sustainability facilitates the integration of environmental stewardship within Ursinus College and local communities, while maintaining social equity and economic viability. The Office of Sustainability works with faculty, staff, administration and community partners, but foremost, the Office of Sustainability provides opportunities for students to be thoughtful, responsible, creative leaders in their society. Ursinus College signed onto the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007, thus setting into motion our goal of going carbon neutral by 2060! This two page "quick guide" serves as a way to familiarize the Ursinus community about Sustainability programming and opportunities.

## **Ursinus BikeShare**

In 2009, Ursinus students founded our Bikeshare program. Since then, it has expanded to 17 bikes of various types, including touring, hybrid, and trail/mountain bikes. Bike "sharing" is a way for the community to reserve and rent a bike without having to bring their own. Membership is \$10 per year and is available to all Ursinus community members. ***To learn more and sign up: search "Bikeshare" on the Ursinus College Website.***



## **Organic Farm**

Established in 2004, the college farm is an interdisciplinary project of the College. It is located on 2.5 acres of agricultural fields on 9th Avenue, adjacent to Hunsberger Woods and the Rugby Field. As a program of the Office of Sustainability, the farm operates on principles of minimal resource use and sustainable agricultural practices, operating as a living laboratory for campus and the community. The farm provides food for the campus and offers community plots for the Ursinus and Collegeville Community. Active honeybee hives are a part of the farm ecosystem. The farm has been recognized with a statewide award from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) and is a member of the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture (PASA).



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## Recycling:

We recycle at Ursinus in a single stream process (no need to separate recyclables). Here is what we can recycle on campus:

Item	Description of what we can recycle on campus:
<b>Plastics</b>	Bottles and containers labeled #1 through #7 Examples include: soda, water, milk, juice, shampoo, detergent, plastic cups, salad dressings, yogurt and much more
<b>Paper</b>	Cardboard, newspaper, office and notebook paper, post-it notes, manuals, construction paper, magazines, catalogues, junk mail, envelopes, file folders, cereal boxes, gift boxes, paper bags, and phone books.
<b>Glass</b>	Glass bottles and jars (food and drink only; all colors - green, brown, clear, etc)
<b>Metal</b>	Aluminum cans, aluminum foil and foil plates, metal lids and metal cans

### Types of Recycling bins on campus

Have you been wondering about all the different bins we have for recycling on campus? Here is the scoop: You can recycle plastics (#1-7), aluminum cans, papers, and glass containers (see the items listed above) in ANY of these bins!

Description of Bins	Where they are used on campus
<b>Green Communal Bins (plastic)</b>	All across campus with a variety of lids - slots, circles or no lid at all. You will find these in dorm hallways and academic common areas. For the 2017-2018 year, students are expected to place their dorm room recycling into these communal bins.
<b>Blue Personal Bins (plastic)</b>	<u>Faculty/Staff:</u> Many staff/faculty members have these small blue bins. You should empty your blue bins into the green communal recycling bins (see above).  <u>Students:</u> For 2017-2018: these bins are available only by special request from the Facilities Dept. You are responsible for emptying the recycling contents of your blue bin into the closest recycling bin...and leaving that blue bin in your room when you move out.
<b>Black/metal with slanted blue lids (outdoor)</b>	These bins have slanted blue lids that clearly state "Recycling". They are located along the pathways and next to building entrances across campus.
<b>Yellow bins with red lids (plastic)</b>	Located behind/beside Main Street and 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave. houses.
<b>Blue Athletic Bins (large plastic bins)</b>	Located near athletic fields and courts. Sometimes these bins are used/stored in the field house.

## Reducing Food Waste

Whether it is composting our food waste, tracking our food waste, and/or reducing our food waste, we are always exploring new and innovative ways to keep food out of the landfill. Through Dining Services, Ursinus is one of two Food Recovery Verified Campuses in PA. This means that surplus food feeds people and not our trashcans!



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