

Cheat Sheets for St. B's waste

Event prep:

- Plan carefully. Check what we already have.
- Catering: adamantly refuse plastic cutlery and serving utensils, condiment packages, etc.
- Bulk over individual: Opt for bulk servings of food/beverages over individually wrapped or canned/bottled things
- Reusables best; paper, next best; plastics/styrofoam - avoid

Cheat sheet for what to **compost**:

- Everything that a human or an animal would eat: compost it.
- Everything that microbes can break down outside in the woods: compost it.
- Every product labeled “compostable” (like baggies or tablecloths)

Cheat sheet for what to **mixed recycling** in the big blue bins (*empty, cleaned off, mostly dry*):

- Every plastic that has a recycling triangle symbol
- All aluminum cans/containers, including catering trays
- Styrofoam trays and cartons (but not packing peanuts or shipping materials)

Cheat sheet for recycling **plastic bags/film** in the small blue bin (*empty, cleaned off, and dry*):

- Plain plastic, not bags lined with shiny foil
- plastic bags and baggies (grocery, tortilla chip, salad, candy); wrapping from paper towels, etc.; plastic film; Saran wrap, cling wrap, ziplocks; wrappers from around yogurt containers; .
- Dry

Cheat sheet for recycling **glass** in the small blue bin (*empty, cleaned off, and dry*):

- Real glass, not ceramics.
- Pretty much every glass vessel that contained food or beverage.
- No lids

Cheat sheet for recycling **wrappers/chip** bags (*empty, cleaned off, and dry*):

- Wrappers/bags that have shiny shiny aluminum interiors (granola/protein bars, candy, snacky foods)
- All bags for chips like “fun-size” Doritos, Cheetos, etc.

Cheat sheet for recycling **coffee bags** (*empty*):

- All empty coffee bags that held beans (not pods/filters/beans themselves)

Cheat sheet for recycling **styrofoam** (*clean, dry*):

- Shipping materials, containers, coolers
- Any styrofoam that can break apart, not the wrapping that just bends and stretches.
- No packing peanuts

Insider knowledge – we collect these recyclable things in the **gym closet**:

- Printer/ink cartridges
- Dead batteries
- Dead Christmas lights (during Advent)

Insider knowledge – these things are recyclable through separate programs **offsite** at Sage Refill Market:

- Tennis shoes; tooth care products (brushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers)