



RESIDENCE HALL RECYCLING CHALLENGE

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Overview

The seven Northwest Missouri State University residence halls and apartment complexes (Dieterich, Forest Village, Franken, Hudson-Perrin, Roberta, South Complex, and Tower Suites) will compete to see which can recycle the most during the eight-week [Campus Race to Zero Waste](#) (CR2ZW) competition. CR2ZW helps colleges and universities advance recycling and waste reduction efforts. **Northwest will be competing for top honors against other colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.**

The Challenge

- Residence halls and apartment complexes are encouraged to reduce waste and increase recycling rates.
- Halls earn points for recycling the following materials in the appropriate bins: #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper, and cardboard.
- Bins that are excessively contaminated—because materials are wet or soiled or because non-recyclable waste has been thrown in recycle bins—will be disqualified (no points awarded).
- Halls will earn points equal to the per capita pounds of recyclables retrieved from the hall's recycling bins (1 pound recycled per person = 1 point).

Bonus Points

There are two ways to earn up to 10 bonus points that will be added to the score.

1. **To earn 3 bonus points**, request a recycling information table in a high-traffic hall location with active participation from residents. This educational opportunity will help hall residents recycle correctly. The information session must occur before **February 2, 2024**. To request a table session, email sustain@nwmissouri.edu.
2. **To earn up to 7 bonus points**, *develop and implement* a creative strategy to improve hall recycling rates and reduce waste. Provide a description of the strategy that will be evaluated based on (1) creativity of the idea, (2) potential for lasting impact, and (3) the ability to replicate the strategy in other halls. Submitted strategy descriptions can include a written summary, photographs, audio, video, or a combination of these formats. To earn these points, submit strategy summary materials (with the building identified) to sustain@nwmissouri.edu no later than **February 16, 2024**. Only one entry per hall or apartment complex is allowed.

Prize

Residents of the winning hall or complex (having accumulated the most points) will be treated to donuts, a hot chocolate and coffee bar, and a perpetual plaque to be displayed during the next year.

Questions?

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