Recommended Recycle Bin Systems for Colleges & Universities
Front-of-the-House Spaces for the OSU Recycles Program (non-residential)
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Be sure to review your selection with OSU Interior Design (if bins will be in public spaces) and ABM Custodial Services (for buy-in on bin size and serviceability) before purchasing.

1) **Uline**
The *Simple Human* 13- or 16 gallon brushed stainless steel trash cans in the new OSU Human Sciences wing do not have a matching recycle receptacle, however, the oval shape works well as a companion recycle bin with labeling (such as pictured). Capacity is small on these bins.

2) **Landscape Forms**
*Sort Recycling Systems* 25- or 50-gallon molded plastic

The OSU Student Union features these Landscape Forms bins in taupe, green and orange for trash, cans/bottles, and paper respectively. They may be used both indoors and outdoors.

Other Landscape Forms bin designs:
3) **Busch Systems**
   a) *Waste Watchers Series* 23-, 46-, or 69-gallon in molded plastic –
      o The cluster pictured collects paper products on the left, bottles/cans in the center, and trash on the right.

   b) This *Boka* design in 21-, 36-, 52- or 78-gallon stainless steel is nicer looking. The 36-gal. size can is $895:
4) Max-R
All of the Max-R products can be customized [https://www.max-r.com/](https://www.max-r.com/) and purchased through OSU’s EI or Grainger contracts

a) *Tuscany* 32-gallon brushed aluminum pieces and split color configuration (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):

![Tuscany Bin](image1)

b) *Terra* 36-gallon X 3 in one unit, brushed aluminum pieces, with arched header board (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):
   - Note, OSU does not have a front-of-the house program for the left bin, “Compost” collections.

![Terra Bin](image2)

c) *Oxford* 44-gallon split top, brushed aluminum pieces, split gallon liners (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):

![Oxford Bin](image3)
d) *Albany* 32-gallon X 2 in one unit, brushed aluminum pieces, with or without square header board (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):
   - Note the bin marked “Recycle” is not suitable for the *OSU Recycles* program.

![Image of Albany bin]

![Image of Albany bin with logo]

e) *Royal Collection* 32-gallon X 2 or 3 in one unit, brushed aluminum panels and stainless steel top, about $2,400; also available in seven other sizes (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):
   - Note the bin marked “Recycle” on the left is not suitable for the *OSU Recycles* program.

![Image of Royal Collection bin]

f) *Premier Collection* 22-gallon X 2 in one unit, laminate panels in four colors, including brushed aluminum, about $1,325 (ask Sustainability Office for spec sheet):
   - Note the bin marked “Recycle” is not suitable for the *OSU Recycles* program.
   - Look for bins marked “Paper” and “Bottles/Cans”

![Image of Premier Collection bin]
5) **Grainger**
*Tough Guy* 17-, 24-, or 36-gallon steel w/ various top openings in various colors
  - Note the lid on the bin marked “cans/bottles” is not suitable for the OSU Recycles program. Select a bin with round hole only (no slot).

![Grainger Tough Guy bin]

6) **Magnuson Group**
*Valuta* 14-, 20-, 35, 40-gallon steel with 4 top options and variety of powder coat paint colors
http://magnusongroup.com/products/wastereceptacles/valuta.html

![Magnuson Group Valuta bin]
7) **Clean River**  
*Transition TMF* 35-gallon X 3 in one unit, powder brushed metal  
[https://cleanriver.com/product/transition-tmf/](https://cleanriver.com/product/transition-tmf/)

8) **OSU Willard**  
These are used in Willard. Not sure who the manufacturer is, but we could inquire for you.
9) **RecyclingBin.Com**  
Economical choices in corrugated plastic, some with metal frames; various sizes and colors  

- Note the blue bin marked “Please Recycle” on the far right is not suitable for the *OSU Recycles* program. Ask for a lid with a hole for bottles/cans recycling and a lid with a slot for paper recycling.

10) **Recycleaway.com**  
Several attractive styles are available. We feature two here:

a) **Spectrum** - $725 for the set in steel. Total capacity 58 gal. The lid holes are correct, signage is good, and the cluster aspect is ideal. To meet GCA custodial standards, select the smaller capacity center bin (paper recycling), as a large quantity of dense paper is too heavy to pull up and out of the frame. These bins also come in bright colors:  
b) *Aristata* - $800 for each set; made of composite material. Total capacity 45 gal. The OSU Central Plant chose these RecycleAway bins for public spaces and paid $1,000 each set (including casters, labels, and shipping). OSU Central Plant had Facilities Management create silver automotive edging for around the openings of each container, which were otherwise sharp. Powder-coated units (rather than stainless) do not have sharp edges.
11) **Free Bins from OSU Recycling Dept.**
Some universities and colleges have standardized their trash/recycling bins across campus, which is a good strategy for program recognition and compliance. Moving forward, OSU plans to standardized nice bins for building spaces that are best served with higher-end products (public spaces, particularly on the ground floor) while keeping the economical styles for back-of-the house spaces (staff copy rooms, break rooms, computer labs).

Free mixed paper recycling bin with lid (corrugated cardboard) and free PepsiCo plastic blue bin for empty aluminum cans and plastic bottles (request via OSU Customer Portal) are shown: