

Getting started with Greek Goes Green Sustainability Coordinators Information

Role description: Sustainability Coordinators are champions for sustainability initiatives selected within each chapter. It is up to your chapter whether the coordinator is a volunteer or an executive member that is voted on and selected by the chapter. This coordinator is the link between UGA's Office of Sustainability and your chapter. We can't reach every Greek student on our own, but you can influence the perception of sustainability within your chapter and improve the "green" reputation of Greek life at the University of Georgia.

No Chapter House? No Problem! We would still love for your chapter to participate in our program. Just see the modifications we have made below!

What's expected of you:

- Complete a House "Walk-Through" at the beginning of the semester to identify areas of improvement and the needs of your chapter to facilitate recycling.
 - If your chapter does not have a chapter house, complete a Meeting "Walk-Through" to ensure that your meetings have recycle bins and are operating as sustainably as possible.
- Set-up recycle bins and informative signage around your house
 - If your chapter does not have a chapter house, make sure you set up recycle bins and informative signage at every meeting.
- Email greekgoesgreenuga@gmail.com for temporary recycle bins and compost bins when you host events where recyclable materials (glass, cardboard, plastic, paper, etc.) or food will be consumed
 - In your email, please include the date of your event and the number of bins you are requesting
- Attend 2 required meetings per semester (exempts you from chapter) and 1 social event; stay informed through our [GroupMe!](#)
- Speak at at least **one** of your chapter meetings **per month** to let your chapter know about your role with Greek Goes Green. The goal of this is to educate your chapter members about recycling and sustainability initiatives happening within your chapter and on campus. Feel free to use our example [slide deck](#).
- In the Spring, submit a Sustainability Scorecard for your chapter to be recognized as an official Green Chapter at UGA.
- Recruit the next Sustainability Coordinator from your chapter that will replace you in the following school year and relay their contact information to the Greek Life Intern.
- Encourage and empower your fellow fraternity or sorority members to recycle and live greener lives → this is up to you!

What can I put on my resume?

- Oversee Chapter House “Walk-Through” or Chapter Meeting “Walk-Through”
- Upon request, execute and deliver ACC Recycling Documentation
- Standardize and upgrade recycling bins available for my chapter
- Lead refocus towards sustainable engagement through education
- Correspond with Athens Clarke County Recycling Division and UGA Office of Sustainability
- Streamline event recycling and composting by assembling temporary recycling bins and collecting compost bins from the Office of Sustainability
- Attain Green Award for my chapter
- Create a legacy of sustainability by recruiting my successor

Who you can reach out to for help:

- GreekGoesGreenUGA@gmail.com (Sarah Corbin, Greek Life Intern with the Office of Sustainability)
- Greek Goes Green [GroupMe](#) (Sustainability Coordinators from other chapters on campus). Make sure to join if you have not already been added and add your chapter to your nickname!
- Follow us and ask us any questions on our Instagram! [@greekgoesgreenUGA](#)

What is recycling and why does it matter?

- Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling benefits your community and the environment.
- Do you know what materials are recyclable?

Recyclable Materials:	Items to donate (Project Safe):	Items that can be recycled at a CHaRM facility:	Materials you can compost:	Items for the landfill:
Glass Plastic (#s 1-7) Mixed Paper Cardboard Paper Cups Magazines Aluminum and metals (think: soda cans and canned foods)	Furniture Clothing/shoes Jewelry Housewares Collectibles Linens Electronics	Plastic bags Styrofoam film Light bulbs Scrap metal Wire hangers Batteries Computers & electronics	Fruit skins/peels Beverages Coffee grounds, filters & tea Dryer lint Hair Napkins/Paper towels Greasy pizza box	Milk/juice cartons Coffee cups Plastic straws Stickers Food wrappers Plastic utensils

*If you do not know how to dispose of an item, LOOK IT UP! Check your products for disposal

instructions and research convenient drop off locations for items that cannot be recycled single-stream.

Recycling Signage

ACC Solid Waste Department and Office of Sustainability Signage that you can print and post in your chapter house:



RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Clean, Hard Plastic Cups, Trays, Bottles and Containers (Lids ON)
No Styrofoam or Bioplastics

Clean Bulky Hard Plastics
Buckets, Crates, Totes

Clean Metal Cans,
Empty Aerosol Cans (Lids OFF)
Clean Foil and Trays

Clean Glass Bottles and Jars
(Lids OFF)

Cardboard Packaging and Boxes
(Clean and Flattened)

Junk Mail, Mixed Paper,
Paper Bags, Newspaper,
Paperback Books, Magazines

Clean and Empty Paper
Cups and Containers

NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING:

TRASH!
Plastic Bags & Wraps*
Styrofoam*
Food** and dirty recyclables
"Tanglers" (hoses, chain, straps, cords)
Scrap Metal*
(pots/pans, tools, auto parts, bulky items)*
Shredded Paper*
Batteries or Light Bulbs*
Plastic Cutlery
Glassware (plates, cups, mugs, windows)*
Hangers (metal or plastic)
Wax Coated Cardboard**
Napkins or Paper Towels**

DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES

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acc recycling division

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
SOLID WASTE
DEPARTMENT

For more information
(706) 613-3501 x8
recycle@accgov.com
accgov.com/recycle

Please contact us for alternative disposal methods for items listed as "Not Accepted" above:
*ChARM - 1005 College Ave can accept certain items that cannot go in the standard recycling bins and dumpsters. Visit accgov.com/charm for hours & details.
**Compost - Some paper, food, and other organic materials can be composted.



IS THAT RECYCLABLE?

YUP.
Place clean items in recycling bins.

EMPTY CANS AND BOTTLES

EMPTY PLASTIC CUPS

CLEAN & EMPTY PAPER CUPS

MIXED PAPER

CARDBOARD

NOPE.
Other disposal methods available.

PLASTIC BAGS
Bring your own bag.

PLASTIC CUTLERY
Bring your own utensils.

STYROFOAM
Just say nope.

FOOD
Try composting. It's easy.

PAPER TOWELS
They're compostable, too.

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<https://www.accgov.com/DocumentCenter/View/70003/Recyclable-Items-Flyer-2020>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1teUHy80-e504wzzAbuBEomb7b4A1Az6m/view?usp=sharing>

Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Helps create more than 750,000 jobs in the United States

Ideas for how to engage your chapter:

- **Start a recycling team or committee:** You don't have to lead your chapter alone! Form

a team of your peers to influence and educate the rest of your chapter about the benefits of recycling and living sustainably.

- **Develop incentives:** Encourage your chapter to recycle by creating competitions between each room or member class - have members or groups recycle or do things to help them live sustainably, like carpooling or taking shorter showers. Reward them with points or a party!
- **Promote recycling in a fun and engaging way:** You can send out a monthly email to your chapter, give 2 minute presentations at every chapter about sustainability, hang signs up around the house, etc. Use your creativity and knowledge of your chapter to spread the word!

Other sustainable initiatives to explore:

- **Composting:** Email compost@uga.edu for your compost bin. Then, reach out to ACC Composting or Awesome Possum Composting for compost pickup at your chapter house, or drop off your chapter's compost for FREE at UGarden or CHaRM.
- **Carpooling** to chapter and other chapter events
- **Reducing water** in the house
 - Encourage shorter showers to chapter members
 - Install [water conserving shower heads](#) at your chapter house
- **Limiting power usage** in the house
 - Turnoff lights when they're not being used
 - Install LED light bulbs
- **Hosting a donation drive** for old clothes/accessories/furniture instead of trashing them
- **Limiting single-use items**
 - Use reusables when possible
 - Or switch to compostable wares