

Rowan University Campus Buildings to be
Reviewed in Terms of Sufficient or Lack of
Recycling Bins

Academic Buildings;

1. Campbell Library- Recycling and trash reciprocals are not very evident. This is a building where I believe that they should be extremely prevalent being that there is definitely an immense amount of recyclable items that can be disposed of here. They have many small recycle bins distributed around the library areas that can't fit too much paper let alone bottles etc. Also they have no labeling on the recycle or trash bins at all except for the ones outside which are pictured.

2. Rec Center/Esby Gym- The rec center is another building that does have a decent amount of both recycling and trash bins, but they are not distributed well. In just a quick walkthrough, the bins are really not that noticeable so I feel as if someone going to throw something out, would just throw the item out at the first thing they saw. Also, labeling is non existent for the recycling bins.

3. James Hall- This academic building had one of the better distributions of recycling and trash bins. They were very easy to see pretty much anywhere and accessible no matter where you were at in the building. Although there was a large amount amount of recycle and trash bins, the labeling could still be improved. Labeling is especially important with recycling and trash bins that are so accessible because with them being so abundant, it is important for people to know which bins are for what waste. Classrooms typically

had a small recycling bin and a small trash bin so that was good to see/better than most other buildings.

4. Robinson Hall- Much more inconsistency than we even expected; First Floor- café area had two recycling bins and two garbage bins, but also one garbage bin placed next to where the café worker is and accessible to customers so it definitely gets the most use taking in many things that should be recycled. The café area also is the only area with a specific bin for Batteries only. Classrooms contain no garbage or recycling bins at all. Hallway stretches (both sides) have two sets of garbage bins and recycling bins, one at each end. NO LABELING AT ALL.

Second Floor- Most classrooms have no bins whatsoever again, but the occasional one will have a small garbage bin. Hallway stretches (both sides) have two sets of garbage bins and recycling bins, one at each end. NO LABELING AT ALL.

Third Floor- Again, the occasional classroom has a small garbage bin, but not many. Hallway stretches (both sides) have two sets of garbage bins and recycling bins, one at each end. NO LABELING AT ALL (other than the one in the Geog. Department, but it's not fully correct).

**All departments- large garbage bin and large recycling bin in the lobby with no labels (except the geog department one), and also little blue recycling bins for each office, but after asking one employee, the fact that they only have that, many put anything in it.

5. Wilson Hall- This academic building was one of the worse ones in terms of accessibility to waste bins. There was not a large abundance of bins in general and especially not a lot of accessible recycling bins. Classrooms seemed to only have small trash bins and some didn't have anything at all. Also there seemed to be a large

lack of recycling bins in this building, except for the occasional large ones that are not labeled with the amount of things that could actually go in them.

6. Science Hall- This was probably the best building on campus in terms of accessibility to recycling bins. One thing that seemed to be lacking a bit in the science building was the amount of recycling or trash reciprocals in the café area on the first floor, which is definitely an important spot to have that. I only saw one small garbage bin near the register area of that café. Although the hallways were not totally consistent in terms of trash and recycling bins in clear areas, the in classroom abundance was great. It seemed as if every classroom had a large amount of recycling bins and one trash can along with them. The only odd thing about the classrooms was that there was occasionally multiple different recycling bins (and sizes of them) and then the one trash bin. If the other recycling bins are meant to be used for something else (such as batteries in a physics lab) it is not labeled so. So, although they have a great abundance of solid waste bins, there is no clear labeling which is something that would be great to improve on. *Trash and recycling bins are distributed within the classrooms depending on the type of class it seemed.

7. Bunce Hall-Trash and recycling bins in hallways, varies in classrooms (some have none, others have both trash and recycling)

8. Enterprise Center- Trash and recycling bins in each classroom. One trash bin and three recycling bins in hallways.

Campus Residence Halls/Apartments

1. Mimosa Hall- In terms of trash bin access this building is very similar to the others for hallway area trash bins, but for the actual bedrooms and bathrooms, the students are supposed to provide their own trash or recycling bins. So, this is actually one of the worst buildings on campus in terms of recycling access because most students probably do not bring their own recycling bin, and within the hallway, they just have large trash bins that people obviously just throw anything in. There is no labeling whatsoever but this is because the bins in rooms are provided by students themselves, and the bins in the halls are really just for anything. Also, this building has a computer lab attached so you would think it would have many recycling reciprocals. Within the computer lab area there was a small recycling bin and a small garbage bin but neither had labeling.

2. Willow Hall- Large trash and recycling bin in each hallway. Residents are expected to put their personal trash and recycling into these bins, which are then emptied out by custodians. It has been observed that both the contents of the trash as well as the recycling was emptied into the same place, yet it is not determined whether this always happens or if it is more often properly sorted.

3. Edgewood Park Apartments- This apartment complex is very similar to the Mimosa Hall campus residence hall. The university provides garbage bins but from the access I was able to gain into the complex, I did not see any recycling bins at all. Also, students are required to bring their own waste bins so most likely they are throwing all solid waste in the same bin.

4. Rowan Boulevard Apartments- Residents are in charge of taking care of their own trash and recycling. Trash and recycling bins are not provided for residents, but there are dumpsters and recycling containers outside of the building where residents must take their own trash and recycling to.

Administrative;

1. Savitz Hall- Recycle and trash bins distributed throughout the building fairly well. But, a noticeable change within the classrooms, some having only trash bins, and some having nothing at all. Within the office areas, there were large recycling and trash bins in the “lobby” areas, and smaller recycling bins given to those with office desks it seemed. *Definitely could/should be more recycling and trash bins around open areas, also proper labeling is lacking.

2. Chamberlain Student Center- Throughout all floors it was evident that there was unclear labeling although some did have labels. No labeling truly had proper labeling about all the items that can be recycled. Bathrooms only had singular garbage cans so anything could be thrown out inside of them (recyclable or non recyclable items). Also within food areas of the first floor, the recycle cans and trash cans were oddly distributed, so I had noticed some people threw their trash wherever was closest. Finally, on the top floor, I did not notice and trash cans or recycle bins whatsoever, but within the offices up there I presume there are (they were locked at the time).

3. Barnes and Noble Bookstore- The first floor of the building near the café contains a place to put trash in. There is also a receptacle that contains three different sections: one for trash, one for plastic bottles and cups, and one for paper, yet unfortunately there is only

one of these in the building and it is not easily accessible. The second floor of the building only has a small trash can, no recycling receptacle.

-Most prevalent problem for campus solid waste reciprocals is inconsistency

*All campus facilities can be found on

<https://www.rowan.edu/home/map/about/visiting-rowan-university/main-glassboro-campus>

Reference pictures displaying outside trash and recycling inconsistencies throughout campus



Trash bin in

Robinson food area with no recycling nearby.



This image is the previous image (left trash reciprocal) from up close. From a distance it looks to be a normal trash can, so the recycling label is pretty poor because if someone is going by fast, they probably just throw non recyclables in there (I have personally seen this happen).



