What happens to your waste items at UNL?

It starts with you, and ends with you.

The waste journey at UNL

Items are picked up from campus buildings by our UNL waste management team.

**Recyclable Materials**
- All recyclable materials are taken to Green Quest Recycling in Lincoln, to be baled. Bales are sold and shipped to companies where they will be recycled into new items!
- PETE #1
- HDPE #2

**Plastic**
- Plastic bottles are processed into fiber. These fibers are often spun into carpets.
- Milk jugs are processed into a wood-like building material. Each recycling station used in our pilot project diverts 5,000 milk jugs from landfills.

**Aluminum**
- Aluminum cans are recycled into new aluminum cans. This process can take as little as 60 days!

**Cardboard**
- Cardboard is recycled into new cardboard boxes.

**Paper**
- Paper is recycled into new paper products.

**Landfill Materials**
- Landfill materials are taken to the Bluff Road Landfill.

Where does everything go after UNL?

At these processing centers, the products are recycled into new items! New items are sold at UNL stores and eventually make their way back to the campus stream to be purchased again.