

Student short film shows Tulane recycling in action

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Students Samuel Hinerfeld and Max Chandrasekhar created the short film “Yes, Tulane Recycles” to help students understand the Tulane uptown campus recycling system

Every year, Nov. 15 is America Recycles Day, a nationally recognized event to celebrate recycling in the United States and to raise awareness of its importance to the environment and economy. To help students understand the Tulane uptown campus recycling system, students Samuel Hinerfeld and Max Chandrasekhar created the short film [“Yes, Tulane Recycles.”](#) In the video, Recycling Coordinator Leander Lowery describes the recycling process on the uptown campus and offers tips to students on how to help maintain an effective recycling program at Tulane. These details are important, Hinerfeld said, as procedures for recycling differ across the country.

“Recycling, and even more importantly, waste reduction, is crucial in order to lessen the environmental impacts of our material consumption,” he said. Using reusable water bottles and making use of campus bottle filling stations is one way to reduce contribution to the waste stream and local landfills. The university community can also help by declining single-use plastic bags when shopping. And at the end of the academic year, students can donate unwanted dorm items to the student-led waste reduction initiative Trash to Treasure, which resells those items at the beginning of the following semester while donating proceeds to local nonprofit organizations.

The Office of Sustainability encourages Tulanians to join in celebrating America Recycles Day this year by participating in the Tulane Recycles Instagram Raffle. Share a photo of recycling in action on campus or at home and tag [@GreenTulane on Instagram](#) to be entered into a raffle for a Tulane Recycling T-shirt. For more information about recycling on the uptown and downtown campus visit the [Office of Sustainability Recycling and Waste Reduction web page](#).