



STUDENT HANDBOOK 2014-15

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPECT

We need to care for our campus environment, as it reflects directly on our character as a community. Harming the environment, littering and irresponsible use of resources, is not in keeping with the University's community standards.

We also need to take responsibility for stewardship of the resources of our planet. Our baseline commitment to that is reflected in our full cooperation with the recycling system on campus, including the collection of compostables which is currently being phased in to the campus waste collection system. Recycling aluminum, glass, plastic, and paper saves large amounts of energy and reduces our "carbon footprint" in an era of disastrous climate change. Composting our food and food-soiled paper waste keeps valuable material out of the landfill and enables its return to enrich the soil on which our lives depend.

Please recycle paper, aluminum and glass using the blue bins. Be sure never to put anything besides these items into these bins. No plastic bags and no food.

All Café items are compostable and our dining services operator uses the green bin behind the cafeteria for food waste and other compostable items.

Though we do not yet have a full system for all students to compost in their residential communities, we hope to have this system in place soon. If you would like to get involved in this project, please contact Jim McGarry, the Director of the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center, at jmcgarry@ndnu.edu (650) 508-4120 or Kevin Beel, ASB President at kbeel@student.ndnu.edu.

In the 2014-15 Academic Year, NDNU will continue considering endorsing the Earth Charter, a collaboratively-produced document that draws together a statement of global stewardship principles and practices. Please read the document here and consider your personal support of this endorsement and continued practice. The document and the opportunity to vote on it are on the Sr. Dorothy Stang Center web page here: <http://www.ndnu.edu/dorothy-stang/>