Think twice before you throw out that trash

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Next time you're getting up from the lunch table or getting rid of those stacks of paper on your desk, take a few seconds and make the right choice and recycle.

An average American produces 56 tons of trash per year, the Clean Air Council states, but Carlisle Barracks and the U.S. Army War College are striving to reduce the amount of waste carried off post to the local landfill through increased recycling and awareness.

Believe it or not, all waste trash is not equal in Carlisle Barracks buildings. Cans, glass bottles and plastic containers can be recycled in various locations in Root Hall and other buildings while white office paper and corrugated cardboard can be placed in recycling bins in seminar rooms and offices.

Cardboard and white office paper are what goes into the blue cans that you see in each seminar room and in offices. Plastics should not accompany paper recyclables and should be removed from cardboard and paper

products before they are tossed in bins. Trash is not supposed to be placed in the cafeteria's recycle bin, which is reserved for aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastics "1" and "2."

The single recycle bin at the far end of the cafeteria is only for comingled recyclables, not trash. Signage has been placed on the receptacle indicating what types of materials should be deposited within the bin.

On the residential side of post, Balfour Beatty Communities offers recycling to residents. Items such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, newspapers, white paper, corrugated cardboard, magazines and phone books are carted off post and recycled regularly through the disposal company's single-stream recycling program.

Carlisle Barracks is also looking at ways to improve their recycling program and a team from the Army Corps of Engineering will be here March 19-23. The team will analyze the post's refuse and recycling programs.

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