

“TIPS” for the Earth Month Recycling Contest!

Last year Epsilon Sigma Rho won the contest by bringing approximately \$200.00 worth in recyclables during the contest. This list of “tips” has been compiled to help each group have a good chance at winning the contest this year. Please share this list with your group members at your next meeting. Our hope is that this list will help your group have fun collecting recyclables with a touch of competition. Your ability to be creative and to use your resources can help you win!

1. **What materials bring in the most revenue?** Keep this question in mind when you are collecting for the contest, but try not to limit yourself, every penny counts!
 - a. Aluminum Cans: \$1.24/lb
 - b. CRV Glass: \$.08 1/10th/lb
 - c. CRV plastic: \$.69/lb
 - d. #2 plastic: \$.41/lb
 - e. #7 plastic: \$.49/lb
 - f. Newspaper: Fair Street will not give money value to newspapers, but they will keep track of any that you turn in. However, AS Recycling will add point value to each pound.

2. **Give Reminders!** If your members don't already recycle then they probably need some help remembering. Remind them at your meetings and give a phone call or email during the week.

3. **Have a Get-Together!** This contest is meant to be fun. Have a get-together where every member brings a 6-pack of beverages and keep the cans or bottles to recycle.

4. **Keep an Ear Out!** If you hear that another group or friend is having a get-together, ask them if your group can pick up the recyclables the day after.

5. **Neighbors can be Key!** Ask friends to help and if they would be willing to donate what they have already collected. Most people in your apartment complex or down the street will be happy to donate their containers for a good cause.

6. **Make a Goal with your Group Members!** Set a goal for each member to bring in this amount collectively. If every member is asked to bring in a specific dollar amount, you will be on your way to the winner's table!

7. **In your own home** set up an area where you can collect your recyclables. For the short term, separate bags are best for collecting each material. Keep your materials clean and dry.

Thank you for taking part in this annual contest! Your participation is instrumental in helping to educate students about recycling on campus as well as in the surrounding community. If you have any further questions or suggestions for tips that you have discovered and believe should be added to this list contact Karla at 898-5033.