

NUMC GARBAGE/RECYCLING/COMPOSTING POLICY

- Non-compostable, non-recyclable single use disposable items are not allowed in the NUMC building. Compostable items are preferred; recyclable items are second choice. Please take this into account as your group brings in/purchases food and related material for your gathering (plates, cups, utensils, etc). If needed, the church can provide such compostable items (plates, cups, utensils, etc.) for a fee (free to church related gatherings). Contact the church office in advance of your gathering for information. **This policy covers the use of any food/snacks/beverages served for ALL meetings/events/gatherings (large or small) held at NUMC.**
- All persons and groups using NUMC facilities must separate their refuse into compostable, recyclables, and trash, and discard such items appropriately in the color coded containers provided.
- Compost, recycling, and trash should NOT be mixed. Users may not deposit one type of refuse in a collection container designed for another type of refuse.

In each meeting room there are color coded bins clearly marked for ease of use:

- **COMPOST (green container)** - food preparation scraps, leftovers, parchment paper, napkins, paper towels, soiled cardboard (ie pizza boxes) and unwaxed paper plates, shredded paper, plant trimmings, and bio items (which are usually labeled compostable or have a green stripe). Please note – all single use disposable utensils (knives, forks, spoons) provided by the church are compostable.
- **RECYCLING (blue container)** - clean flattened cardboard, clean paper, rinsed glass containers, rinsed cans, rinsed hard plastic containers (look for the recycling triangle (only #'s 1,2 & 5 can be recycled at this time); please make sure caps/lids are put back on plastic containers and aluminum foil is wiped/rinsed clean of grease and food.
- **LANDFILL (brown container)** - items that are not compostable or recyclable or that are composed of more than one material (e.g. paper and foil, plastic and paper, plastic and foil, hard plastics #3,4,6,7,8,9 and **all styrofoam**).

If you are in need of compostable supplies for your gathering, the church can provide them if you prefer not to purchase on your own. Contact the church office with your needs in advance of your event/meeting at northfieldumc@gmail.com or 507-645-5689.

If your group or organization would like in person training of sorting your refuse for your gathering or have questions regarding the policy, contact the church office at northfieldumc@gmail.com or 507-645-5689. Thank you!