

## Darrell W. Krueger Library

### Leave No Trace: Food & Drink Guidelines

**Leave No Trace.** Krueger Library, Winona State University, has adapted the following Leave No Trace ([www.lnt.org/](http://www.lnt.org/)) principles of outdoor ethics to its food and drink policy:

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** When possible, plan to eat your meals before you come to the library.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Place food and drink garbage in trash cans; place recyclables in recycling bins.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave library resources, furnishings, and equipment as you found them--or in better condition than you found them.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the next library user and the next generation of library users.

**Goals.** We established our food and drink guidelines with the following goals in mind:

- To promote consideration of other visitors: respect the next library user and the next generation of library users.
- To promote recycling of appropriate food and drink packaging.
- To preserve our library collections and protect our facility from pests and harmful molds.
- To help to ensure the health and safety of all library users and a long life for library collections, furnishings, and equipment.
- To respect our hard-working custodial staff by taking responsibility for our personal behavior.
- To allow us to direct library funds to purchasing library materials that support the curriculum, rather than to replacing resources, furnishings, and equipment damaged by food and drink.

**Guidelines.** Food and drink are allowed in the library subject to the following guidelines:

- Deposit all recyclable food and drink packaging in the recycling bins located throughout the library.
- Deposit all non-recyclable food and drink garbage in the trash receptacles located throughout the library.
- Pack it in, pack it out: carry out any non-disposable dishes, silverware, etc., that you bring into the library.
- If you must dispose of beverages, pour liquids into the bathroom sink before recycling or throwing away the containers.
- Place food and drink garbage in trash cans carefully to avoid splattering food and drink on the walls and library materials.
- Report accidental spills to library staff as soon as possible. Also, please attempt to clean spills using materials from self-cleaning stations located around the building.
- If your food or drink generates complaints from other library patrons, you may be asked to remove it from the library.
- Food deliveries by commercial firms (such as pizza parlors) are not permitted.

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