

Sustainability Survey

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Sustainability Survey: Executive Summary

In order to gain information on the sustainability of the Potomac Café’s carry-out program, we developed a short questionnaire to survey the residents at Riderwood. Our survey consisted of three main questions. First, do you ever take carry-out from the Potomac Café? If yes, how many times per week? Second, do you know if the carry-out containers are recyclable? Third, have you made any efforts to recycle the carry out containers?

After surveying fifty residents we found that the majority of residents (63%) using the carryout containers were aware that the containers were recyclable. Most of the Riderwood residents also chose to recycle their carry out containers (71%). However, while surveying the residents we found that many were confused about which containers were recyclable. In order to address this confusion, we developed an informational poster/flyer (see attached) to hang near the carryout line. This will hopefully lesson resident confusion and increase recycling efforts among those using the carryout containers.

Survey Results

Question 1: Do you ever take carryout from the Potomac Café?

Yes	No
35	15

If yes, how many times per week

Less than Once	Once	Twice	Three Times	Four Times	Five Times	Six Times	Seven Times
8	8	4	4	3	1	2	5
23%	23%	11%	11%	9%	3%	6%	14%

Do you know if the carryout containers are recyclable?

Yes	No
22	13
63%	37%

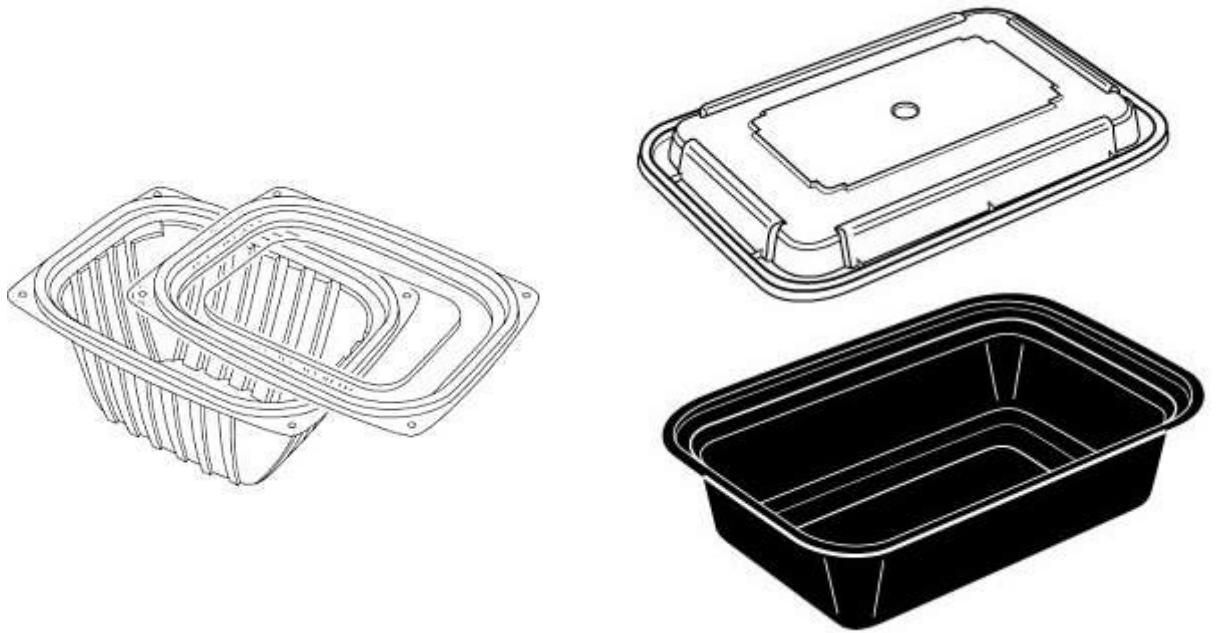
Have you made any efforts to recycle the carry out containers?

Yes	No
25	10
71%	29%



Please Recycle

Recycling is an easy way to help protect
the future of our environment!



Did you know these carry-out
containers can be recycled?