

Good day all!

I was recently able to attend a tour of the City of Phoenix North Gateway Transfer Station, and I found the tour informative and enlightening regarding the processing of materials for recycling in particular. Their [Zero Waste](#) team hosts tours of their Materials Recovery Facility, where recyclables are both hand and machine sorted. I provided Emmery an example of a handout that they distributed during the tour, as it is a useful guide to help determine what the City of Phoenix accepts for recycling purposes, which can further assist those of us who are sustainably-minded in reconciling what we recycle on campus via the Blue Bag program, etc. versus what we sort at home.

For those of you who are interested in seeing how the city processes our materials, the tour was a fun opportunity to become better informed on [residential recycling](#) and to learn the eventual fate of the materials following their collection and sorting. Their specialists (one of whom I learned helped to establish the Blue Bag program for us while studying at ASU) provided a brief and illuminating overview of their waste diversion processes that I greatly enjoyed. It was well worth the drive and time to experience!

Here is the link for info regarding their tours – and I’ve included a quick shot of their location here as well. It is a bit of a trek from the Tempe campus (and it’s on the other side of the world relative to Poly), but if we can get folks interested in carpooling it is a very informative tour.

<https://www.phoenix.gov/publicworks/zero-waste>



-Shane Hunt