PARTICIPATE IN THE DESKSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

SUSTAINABILITY OPPORTUNITY

The state of California has set a goal of Zero Waste by 2020, which is defined as 90% of waste diverted from the landfill. In FY 2014, Stanford diverted 64% of waste from the landfill, so while our campus is already performing well, we still have more work to do. According to our campus waste audits, recyclable paper and plastic film comprise approximately 18% of the trash destined for landfill—that’s 1,440 tons per year! To make sure this paper does not end up in the landfill, Stanford has launched the Deskside Recycling and Mini Trash Bin Program, which provides a small blue paper recycling bin, accompanied by a mini black trash bin, for every desk in each campus building. Now recycling your paper products will be easier and more convenient than ever before.

HERE’S HOW:

1) Sign up for the Cardinal Green Office Program

This Deskside Recycling and Mini Trash Bin Program will be rolled out to all campus buildings by 2016, but the easiest way to move forward with the program is to participate in the Cardinal Green Office Program (CGOP). All buildings that participate in CGOP will move to the top of the list to receive these new deskside recycling bins and mini trash cans.

- Sign up for the Cardinal Green Office program by taking the online pledge at http://sustainable.stanford.edu/cardinal-green/campaign/cardinal-green-office-program.

- Through the Cardinal Green Office Program, Office of Sustainability staff and interns can also work with you to identify other sustainability opportunities in your building.

2) Receive bins

PSSI, Inc. / Stanford Recycling Center will coordinate bin delivery and distribution with you. They will need to know the number of desks in your building and will drop off one blue paper recycling bin along with one mini trash bin for each desk space in your building.
3) Promote correct bin use

The best way to make sure this program is effective is to make sure everyone knows how to use their bins. Be sure to let everyone in your office know what materials should go in the blue paper recycling bin and what should go in the trash!

- Template emails and flyers explaining the program components are available through the Cardinal Green Office Program.
- If your building’s occupants have questions about recycling on campus, encourage them to enroll in the free SST 2000: Best Practices in Waste Reduction training course through STARS/AXESS. This training is offered twice each winter.

4) Custodial services will empty your bins

The Deskside Recycling and Mini Trash Bin program has been developed in partnership with DTZ Custodial. Your custodian will empty your deskside recycling bin and mini trash can once per week (either on Thursday or Friday).

- There will be no plastic liners in your mini trash bins in order to reduce our environmental impact. You can still easily dispose of most trash without liners!
- It’s best to put smelly and messy trash in a central trash or composting bin rather than in your mini trash bin since the central trash bins will be emptied more frequently and have liners. If your office doesn’t have compost bins, you can find out how to get them by reviewing the How to Start a Voluntary Composting Program guide.
- Plastic containers should still be recycled in the green plastic recycling bins located in common areas.

**PAPER RECYCLING** keep them clean and dry

- All Paper That Tears
- Cardboard Packaging
- EXTRA CREDIT Plastic Bags & Bubble Wraps* "Unique to Stanford"
- NO Contact with Food or Liquid
- NO Styrofoam
- NO Napkins, Facial Tissue or Toilet Paper

**LANDFILL ONLY** if all else fails

- Styrofoam
- Human or Animal Waste *Including Bathroom & Facial Tissue
- Ceramics or Non-Recyclable Glass
- NO Recyclable Materials
- NO Yard Waste or Compostable Materials
- Non-Recyclable Packaging
- NO Electronics, Lightbulbs, or Batteries

MORE INFORMATION
CARDINAL GREEN OFFICE PROGRAM
http://sustainable.stanford.edu/cardinal-green/campaign/cardinal-green-office-program
CONTACT
Moira Hafer, Sustainability Analyst, Office of Sustainability, mbhafer@stanford.edu