

Hello! I wanted to provide you with some important recycling updates and thank everyone for their continued support. Please note that this information pertains only to the ASU Tempe campus. I apologize in advance for those of you who receive this email more than once.

### ➤ Recycling Website

Thanks to Information Technology Services, we have a brand new ASU Recycling website: [http://uabf.asu.edu/recycling\\_at\\_asu](http://uabf.asu.edu/recycling_at_asu). We will update it regularly and add more information as it becomes available. If your department website has a link to the old recycling website, <http://recycle.asu.edu/>, please replace it with the new site link.

### ➤ New Program

In preparation for the new recycling program debut, several exciting changes and projects are underway.

#### **Compactors**

In order for the new program to work effectively, we are eliminating several trash sites and installing trash compactors, nine of which are solar-powered. Trash compactors require fewer pick-ups than front load dumpsters and roll-offs, thus cutting costs and improving our carbon foot print.

Before the compactors are installed, concrete pads must be poured and electrical wiring must be completed. The first set of compactors is scheduled to be delivered to Hassayampa this week and several other sites are ready for delivery. The rest of the concrete pad and electrical work is progressing as well.

In order for the new program to start in each building, the compactors must be installed and there are no definitive dates (with the exception of Hassayampa) for when each installation will occur. We estimate that the new program will start in September and October, and will vary by building depending on when compactors are in place for each particular location.

#### **New Bins**

I wanted to clarify a few things about ordering the bins for the new program. Each department will be ordering blue desk side bins for each desk in their departments, regardless of whether they're for faculty, staff or students. If you already have blue desk side bins, then no worries about ordering more as long as you have one for every desk. For each large trash can in your department, we are asking folks to purchase one 23 gallon recycling bin that will eventually be placed next to or near the large trash cans already in your area. Unless you would like to help out by purchasing recycling bins for lobbies or hallways in buildings, you will only be purchasing recycling bins for your department.

**Please do not replace the current 40 gallon blue bins on wheels, 60 gallon blue toters or 96 gallon green toters with the new 23 gallon bins until the new program officially starts.** Because the current program involves swapping full bins with empty ones as we go through the buildings, we must use the bins that have wheels.

When your building is ready to come on line, we will let you know. We will then remove the 40 gallon blue bins on wheels, 60 gallon blue toters, 96 gallon green toters, blue aluminum bins, and green plastic bins, and you can then begin using the new bins. The 96 green toters are on loan from Waste Management so they will be returned to them. The 40 gallon blue bins on wheels and 60 gallon blue toters will be used for special events and projects.

The canvas cardboard carts will remain for now and ASU Recycling will continue to service them.

#### **Bin Selection**

23 gallon Slim Jims were selected for multiple reasons including: functionality, weight, durability, recycled content, gripping ability, shape, color, and cost. As an added bonus, they are available through Staples online.

### **New Program Details**

We are extremely pleased that custodial staff campus wide (with some exceptions that are listed below) will be servicing commingled bins in academic buildings on the Tempe campus. ASU, Flagship, and Lincoln Property custodians are involved in this effort - in fact, dozens of custodians have already received some training for the new program.

Just as your desk side and office trash cans are currently emptied by custodial staff, your desk side and 23 gallon recycling bins will be emptied by them as well. Trash will be emptied three times a week and recycling will be emptied twice a week on either Tuesday and Thursday or Monday and Wednesday, depending on which building you are in. We anticipate that recycling will eventually be increased to three times a week in several areas but that will be determined by the custodial staff in your area. Trash in bathrooms and kitchens will still be removed every day. If you have food waste you'd like to discard, please use the trash cans in the bathroom or kitchen/break room areas.

Specific training will occur in each building for occupants before we go on line with the program.

### **New Program Exceptions - ASU Research Park, University Center, Centerpoint, and Orchid House – Decision Theater**

ASU departments in ASU Research Park, University Center, Centerpoint, and Orchid House – Decision Theater, are among a growing list of departments that are all leasing from non-ASU buildings. Those buildings have their own management companies that contract out their custodial staff. Therefore, although the departments in these areas will buy the new bins, they will not be serviced by custodial staff until we can work out an agreement with them, and that may not be feasible or possible. When the new program starts, departments in the buildings listed above will empty their desk side bins into the 23 gallon Slim Jims and ASU Recycling will service those.

### **Special Collections**

The ASU Recycling Department is committed to recycling every possible item that we can. Therefore, I am working on establishing special collection sites and dates for items like shoes, CDs, DVDs, packaging peanuts/bubble wrap, etc. I hope to have the first collection of some or all of these items in October – I'll keep everyone posted.

There is so much positive change taking place with recycling and sustainability projects and programs campus wide, and we owe a lot of those positive changes to all of you. As we work on transitioning to the new program, we apologize for the frequent overflows and delayed bin pickups that are occurring campus wide. Due to a very small staff and the fact that we are completely out of bins, I don't expect to see a decrease in overflows until the new program takes effect. Just know that we are doing our best to keep up with everything and I appreciate everyone's amazing support!

Thanks again!  
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