Most of you (hopefully!) are familiar with the University of Michigan’s dual-stream recycling program in which paper and containers are collected separately for recycling. However, beginning August 30th, U-M began converting to single-stream recycling!

What is single-stream recycling? No more separating necessary! Single-stream recycling allows all paper and container recycling to be placed into the same bin. This means that all recyclables should be placed into bins and dumpsters labeled “Recyclables.” Note, even if a bin or dumpster has yet to be relabeled, it can accept both paper and containers.

Additionally, this change allows for expanded plastics recycling. The U-M Recycling Program now accepts plastics #1-2 and #4-7. This means all those yogurt cups and frozen food trays are now recyclable!

The following materials will now be collected in the Recyclables bins in campus buildings and the blue Recyclables dumpsters:

**Paper**
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogues
- Glossy Fillers/ Mailers
- Junk Mail
- Envelopes
- Non-metallic Wrapping Paper
- Office & Notebook Paper
- Telephone Books

**Containers**
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Steel Containers
- Metal Lids
- Small Scrap Metal (pots, pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, metal utensils)
- Aluminum (cans, trays, clean foil)
- Plastic Bottles & Cups
- Plastic Tubs
- Bulky Plastic Molded Materials (buckets, milk crates, plant pots)

**Cardboard**
- All Paperboard
- Paper Bags
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Boxboard
- Milk Cartons
- Juice Boxes

**PLEASE FLATTEN CARDBOARD!**

Americans use 25 billion tons of paper yearly, that’s roughly 680 lbs of paper per person!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

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**PLACE RECYCLABLES IN HERE**
In response to widespread requests for a post-consumer food waste composting program on campus, the U-M Recycling Program is working with stakeholders from across the University on a potential program.

The U-M Recycling Program has contracted a consultant to conduct a feasibility study and business case for an on-campus compost site that will accept pre- and post-consumer food waste and yard waste. Pre-consumer food waste and yard waste includes vegetative prep waste and grass and tree trimmings. Post-consumer food waste includes plate scrapings and compostable plates, forks, cups, etc.

While the composting consultant is most closely working with U-M Recycling, they also report to a group of campus stakeholders, representing various schools and departments on campus as well as students. Final recommendations are expected by the end of 2010.

Composting Update

We went out and about on campus and spotted a few recyclers caught in the act!

Above left, Recycling Coordinator, Tracy Artley, is spotted recycling plastic cups, a newly acceptable item, in a bin designed to accept both paper and container recycling. Rich Robben, Executive Director of Plant Operations, (above right) recycles a plastic clamshell and yogurt container in a desk-side recycling bin, which can now accept both paper AND containers.

At right, Rufus the Recycler places a plastic bottle into a recycling bin at the Duderstadt Center. Note that even though this bin may currently be labeled for "Containers Recycling", paper may be placed in it as well.
This past winter semester U-M competed for the fifth time in RecycleMania, a nationwide collegiate recycling and waste reduction competition. U-M competed in four separate categories: recycling rate, per capita recycling, per capita total waste, and total pounds of recycling.

We competed against over 600 other schools in this 10 week competition running from January 17th through March 27th. U-M finished in fifth place in total lbs of recycling with 721,511 lbs!

In conjunction with RecycleMania, we also held the fourth annual intra-campus Recycling Champions competition. Throughout the ten weeks, 38 campus buildings competed to see who had the highest recycling rate, most improved recycling rate, and most reduced their total waste. All buildings did a great job!

Here are the top finishers in each category

- **Most Improved Rate**
  - Palmer Commons
  - 197.2%

- **Recycling Rate**
  - Alumni Center
  - 56.0%

- **Waste Reduction**
  - Chemistry Building
  - 55.8%

For full results, visit [http://www.recycle.umich.edu/grounds/recycle/recycle_champions.php](http://www.recycle.umich.edu/grounds/recycle/recycle_champions.php)

Get ready for **Recycling Champions 2011**!

This past April, Waste Management Services and University Housing headed up another successful Student Move Out. This year we collected almost 10 tons of food, clothing, shoe, household, and bedding donations. All residence halls participated along with several other campus locations. This year’s donations were distributed to local non-profit organizations that included Food Gatherers, Salvation Army, Purple Heart, the Ann Arbor PTO Thrift Shop and the St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Shop.

We will also had designated “Take It or Leave It” areas at all residence halls where students placed unwanted bulky items such as furniture, loft wood and carpet. Others are free to take these materials and put them to good use.

We also just wrapped up Student Move In. The week of **Student Move In** (August 30 – September 4) Waste Management Services once again teamed up with Housing. During this week, we worked to collect the numerous cardboard boxes, mountains of Styrofoam and bags upon bags of packing peanuts. Everyone did a great job of recycling and reducing waste for Move In 2010. Get ready for Move Out 2011!

The numbers are in and the University of Michigan Ann Arbor campus recycled 28.6% of its waste during fiscal year 2010. This number is the percentage of all material collected (recycling and refuse) that is recycled. This is an increase from the 27.9% recycled in FY 2009, so staff, faculty and students have done a great job over the past year! Below are the buildings with the top five recycling rates on campus. Everyone did a great job and keep recycling!

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