

## Recycling Committee

- In regards to single stream recycling numbers at ESU, the most recent numbers that I got from Facilities indicates a few hundred pounds recycled each month.
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- The big issue is contamination (trash in recycling, plastic bags, shredded paper, plastic bottles with fluids in them).
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- I don't have recycling numbers from other universities. It would be hard to compare universities because each university's collection process is different.
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- Please find attached the flier for writing utensils recycling. The idea is for offices to have an interoffice envelope by or at the secretary office with the flier attached for collection. Once the envelope is ready to be sent to me (address found on flier), the flier can be removed and used for the next envelope.
- Spent alkaline batteries can be placed for collection in the same envelope or collected at the office for pickup. The contact is the same as for the writing utensils. Please NOT include rechargeable batteries. Check with the Environmental Health and Safety office (570-422-3235) for those type of batteries.
- Move-Out *Don't Dump It-Donate It* campaign will take place during finals week. This removes unwanted reusable items, donated by moving-out students from going to the waste stream. Sale of these items later in the summer or fall will benefit the Warrior Food Pantry. Help will be need for this project. A sign-up doodle will be set up to volunteer with the Move-Out collection and volunteer opportunities with sorting, if anyone would like to help out. Volunteers can find the link at [esu.edu/green/recycling](http://esu.edu/green/recycling) once the link is available.  
<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/Rb4gNq2a>
- Please help gathering empty paper boxes with their cover as they are used. This will help the Move-Out collection. These boxes are good size and stackable. I can pick them up, email me at [mcohen1@esu.edu](mailto:mcohen1@esu.edu) to coordinate. Or they can be dropped off at my office STC 341 or Chemistry or Computer Science secretaries, Melinda Rosen and Debbie Couchman respectively. Their offices are located on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Faculty Office open area.

## An update on shredding (that I know of)

- Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science Departments will be shredding/recycling paper April 8th. This effort is still by department at the moment. As of right now, each department that may be interested in doing this needs to contact a provider directly.
- I do not know if other departments have also shredded boxes of paper. Past Dean Basu had left some money to interested departments to help with cost before she left since there is no money presently budgeted for this.

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If interested, a local provider is DES Community Partners in Recycling. They shred and then recycle the shredded paper. Their cost is \$8/box.

- A reminder that any shredded paper that is placed with recycling bins on campus is considered trash and if placed in a recycling dumpster will make ALL the dumpster be considered as contaminated and dumped with trash.

Even though it is not related to Recycling, I'm not sure you can share, that starting April 4<sup>th</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup> there is a Personal BioBlitz on campus. It will help document species living on campus this spring. This event is hosted by Pi Epsilon Honors society and the Green Campus Initiative. Information on how to participate can be found at: [esu.edu/green](http://esu.edu/green)

If no other group mentions it, Earth Day activities are likely to happen this year again. I am not involved in the planning but there seem to be ongoing efforts. Just a heads up!