10 Top Tips for Campus Recycling



1. Improve the Ease of Recycling

You should ensure you have recycling bins on campus in high-traffic, easily accessible areas. This includes cafeterias, common rooms, science labs, student dorms and busy hallways or walkways.

2. Conduct a Waste Audit

Prevent any unnecessary spending and improve performance against your campus recycling goals by conducting a waste audit. Use the results to determine which trash cans and recycling containers are needed and site them accordingly.

3. Standardize Recycling Facilities

Choose one style of recycling bin and use this throughout campus to coordinate your recycling facilities. This will clearly indicate to students and teachers which bins are meant for recycling – and keep your campus looking attractive too!

4. Use Recognizable Decals

Use color coordinated aperture panels with identifiable decals to clearly indicate which waste stream is being collected. This will help minimize cross-contamination whilst increasing recycling rates.







5. Incentivise Recycling

Give your students a reason to be passionate about recycling to help boost recycling levels! Why not host a competition between classes to see who can recycle the most waste correctly over a selected time period?

6. Provide Accurate Information

Create user-friendly recycling guides to educate students about your waste management facilities. Include information on where to find recycling bins on campus and which waste streams are accepted in each container.

7. Spread the Word

Raise awareness about your campus recycling goals using a dedicated recycling committee. You could even elect recycling captains for each class to monitor waste diversion levels on a room-by-room basis!

8. Bring Recycling into Game Day

Create 'zero-waste' game day pamphlets, film inspirational videos using your star athletes, or create a team recycling mascot to warm up the crowd and encourage students to recycle on the night.





9 Publish Your Results

Generate reports and let the student body know that they are doing a great job at increasing recycling rates! Use these results to set recycling goals and maintain high rates after the initial impact.

10. Review & Repeat

At the end of each semester or school year, it is a good idea to refresh your recycling program. Consult with the recycling committee and conduct regular waste audits to keep your recycling rates at a high!

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