

RecycleMania is a friendly competition and benchmarking tool for college and university recycling programs to promote waste reduction activities to their campus communities. Over a 10-week period, schools report recycling and trash data which are then ranked according to who collects the largest amount of recyclables per capita, the largest amount of total recyclables, the least amount of trash per capita, or have the highest recycling rate. With each week's reports and rankings, participating schools watch how their results fluctuate against other schools and use this to rally their campus communities to reduce and recycle more. Help Evergreen have a stellar year in 2010!



Recycling

What goes where?

Deciphering the maze of Evergreen's disposal options

Co-Mingled: Bin Color-Blue

Includes: Plastics (#1-7), Aluminum, Tin, Clean Paper

Yes: Beverage and food containers without lids (i.e. milk jugs, yogurt containers, plastic bottles, cans). When in doubt about plastic, look at the number inside the recycling triangle on bottom of container.

No: Plastic wrap, candy wrappers, cellophane, plastic bags, microwave cookware, pill bottles, lids/caps from containers, take-out containers, plastic utensils, cups, or plates, foil w/ food residue, aerosol cans

Glass: Bin Color-Brown (RAD), Red (CAB)

Yes: Clean glass, rinsed beverage and food containers without lids

No: Ceramic, bottle lids, light bulbs, window or mirror glass

Cardboard: Bin Color-Yellow

Yes: Cereal and other dry food boxes (remove plastic liner), milk cartons, corrugated carboard boxes (please flatten!)

No: Pizza boxes, soiled food boxes, ice cream cartons, frozen juice containers

What do I do with...?

Responsibly disposing of hard-to-know-what-to-do-with stuff

Batteries are recycleable in the "Battery Barrel" in the TESC bookstore. Don't put them in the garbage.

Computers and other hardware can be taken to OlyGeek (<http://www.oly-wa.us/OlyGeek/>) where they will be reused/recycled.

Printer Cartridges often come from the manufacturer with a return shipping label. If you didn't receive one, the Bookstore has a supply of free mailers with labels. Some printer cartridges can be refilled, saving you money. Larger cartridges will be picked up and recycled if placed in a box next to the recycle station.

Plastic Bags can be taken to Safeway to be recycled.

Cell Phones are collected by Residential and Dining Services in the Housing Office and at the TESC Bookstore. They are donated to Shelter Alliance who reuses/recycles them.

The Free Store is located in the Housing Community Center and is a great place both for dropping off your still-useable goods and for finding a used item you may want. The Free Store does not accept food, appliances, or dirty/unusable items. For questions or to volunteer, contact Melissa Turnkington at turkingm@evergreen.edu.

Chemicals, Solvents, Sharps, and Hazardous Waste may be taken to HazoHouse at Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center: www.co.thurston.wa.us/www/



Clear Stream

Recycling is available in common areas of Phase 1 Housing (Buildigs A-D). Their clear form has been proven to help reduce contaminants in recycling.

Blue Recycling Bags (made of recycled tarps) are supplied to each resident upon check-in. They have a pocket in the side to keep paper clean, and a loop on the bottom to hang dry upside down after cleaning.

What is Silver Springs Composting?

Available in the CAB building, Silver Spring Composting is a local compost facility. They accept all organic materials listed here. The majority of food scraps on campus are created in Dining Services, thus we chose to pilot this new program in our highest area of collectable compostables, and plan to expand it to other areas after working out operational and management kinks.

Why are there two compost systems? Isn't that confusing?

The compost collected in RAD for the Organic Farm helps to nourish the food grown at the Farm. It stays right on Evergreen's own land. Silver Springs, however, has the ability to take a greater variety of compostable materials, such as biodegradable plastics and food soiled papers, which is convenient for Dining Services.

Silver Springs Compost

Acceptable Materials

All food scraps - fruit, vegetable, meat/ fish (including bones!), dairy scraps, eggshells, spoiled or outdated foods, coffee filters, tea bags, coffee grounds, baked goods, deli/salad bar foods.

Food-soiled papers - pizza boxes, paper milk cartons, ice cream & frozen food cartons, parchment paper, napkins, paper towels, paper deli/take-out cartons, paper plates/cups/napkins, soiled cardboard boxes & bases, waxed cardboard boxes & cartons, waxed floral paper.

Yard and plant waste - grass clippings, garden trimmings, seasonal greens (pumpkins, wreaths, etc), floral arrangements (no wire or ribbon), nursery plants & wooden crates.

Not Accepted

Plastics, metal, foil, cellophane, Styrofoam, glass, fruit stickers, liquids, grease, oils, diapers, pet wastes, kitty litter, rocks, dirt, tires, brick, concrete, treated/painted wood, garden hoses, garbage, or Class A noxious weeds.

Acceptable Materials

Vegetables
Fruit
Meat/Fish and small bones
Dairy
Bread, Pasta, Rice,
Other Grains
Bio Bags

Not Accepted

Paper products, chemicals, detergents, twisty-ties, nut shells, oyster/clam shells, produce stickers, human/ pet waste, milk cartons, coffee cups, biodegradable corn/plastic wares



Organic Farm Compost

Collect Your Waste

Sign up for a compost bucket (contact RADsustainability@evergreen.edu, x6116), collect food scraps from your kitchen, and deposit them in the designated compost collection areas on lower campus. Collection bin locations: Phase 1 Courtyard, the Soup Loop, and at the Mods.

Break it Down

Staff from the Organic Farm collect the material, add it to their composting facility, then add materials for optimal decomposition, mix and move the compost, and enclose it in a reactor with forced aeration so that it reaches high temperatures for 3 days. After 3-6 months, it is cured and meets WSDA Organic Standards.

Close the Loop

The organic fruits and veggies you see at Red Square sold by the Organic Farm are fertilized by the compost, closing the loop of food waste and nutrient cycling.

Sustainability

Tips Individual actions contribute to global change

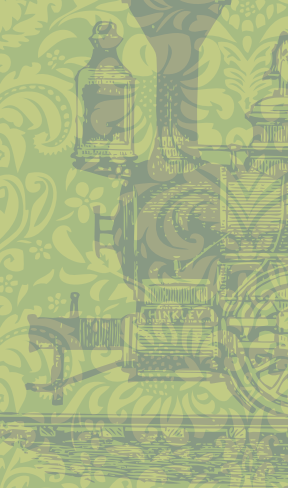
- Turn off your computer when you're not using it
- Turn off your lights and unplug appliances when you are not using them
- Report all dripping faucets to RAD Facilities by calling 867-6764
- Get discounts at campus dining facilities and other cafes by using your own mug
- Use a refillable container for water
- Take public transportation and use the Nightline
- Turn down your heat—wear sweaters and use blankets instead
- Use your blinds to adjust the temperature in your room
- Take shorter showers and turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth and shaving
- Bring your own bags when you go shopping and reuse them often
- When eating in campus dining facilities look for local and organic options
- Purchase fresh-grown veggies and flowers from the Organic Farm's Farm Stand on Red Square on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 11 am
- Buy local whenever possible
- Purchase green cleaning supplies at the Corner Store
- Compost your food scraps and yard waste
- Purchase textbooks from the Bookstore: individual student online ordering means single-item shipping which exponentially increases deliveries to the school
- Give unwanted belongings to the Free Store and take home new-to-you items, simultaneously reducing landfill waste and decreasing production of new stuff
- Rent a pre-owned mini-fridge from RAD instead of buying a new one
- Print in economy mode
- Preview all documents very carefully to eliminate misspellings, dangling sentences, and excess white space. Always print double-sided
- Re-fill your ink cartridges instead of buying new ones
- Avoid printing out documents as much as possible
- Look for notebooks and other school supplies made from recycled materials - the Bookstore has a good variety

In our fast paced world we often look past using our own two feet to propel ourselves. However, walking, skateboarding, rollerblading, scooters, etc.. are all viable forms of alternative transportation that get you connected to wheels without engines.

Rideshare/Carpool:

The Rideshare program allows you to connect with Evergreen students who need a ride, are offering a ride, or have a routine commute they would like to share with someone. Registered carpools (contact Parking Services, x6532, Seminar I Bldg) get preferential parking in B and C lots.

Sign up for the Rideshare program at: www.evergreen.edu/commute/rideshare/



The Bike Shop

The Evergreen Bike Shop is a community run bike co-op. The shop provides the necessary space, tools, and mechanical knowledge to help you learn to fix your own bike.

Please stop by the shop (located in the basement of the Sem 1 building) and check the schedule outside the door for when the shop will be open. You can pick up a bike map of Olympia for free and sign up to volunteer. You do not have to be an Evergreen student to volunteer or use the Bike Shop. There are a variety of resources available at the shop that provide helpful biking information.

Visit the bikeshop website: <http://collab.evergreen.edu/bikeshop/>

Getting to Tacoma/ Seattle:

The Pierce County bus system provides Express Services from Olympia, Lacey, Lakewood and Tacoma with transfer connections to local service, King County and Seattle. For more information, call 360-786-1881, or visit piercetransit.org.

Getting to Vancouver, WA/ Portland:

CAP Transit provides service between Tumwater (Tumwater Square), Centralia, Longview and Vancouver, WA with connections to C-Tran to Portland. For more information visit the Olympia Transit Center, call 360-425-3430, or visit lccac.org.

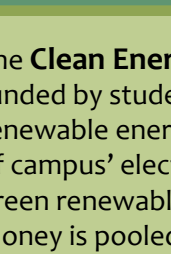
An estimated that 25% of Evergreen's greenhouse gas emissions are associated with car travel.

Transportation

Using Intercity Transit:

Public transit is an easy way to move about Olympia. The Evergreen State College is served by two Intercity Transit bus routes, route 41 & route 48. Additionally, the Nightline bus offers late-night service on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights during the academic year. Transit guides are available on the bus or from Parking Services, these guides go into more specific detail of how to navigate the bus routes.

Students enrolled at Evergreen ride free on Intercity Transit bus service by simply showing their current student ID card. Your transit pass is not valid, however, on express service to Tacoma/Seattle.



The **Clean Energy Committee**, funded by student fees, purchases renewable energy to offset 100% of campus' electrical energy with green renewable sources. Remaining money is pooled into a fund for on-campus clean energy related projects. Students can apply for these funds on a rolling basis to support independent projects. Projects previously funded include: Ban the Bottle, Solar cells, Wood gasification, Bike Racks

The **Evergreen Ecological Observation Network** is a long-term research effort involving students and faculty conducting research on patterns and process in a 1000 acre lowland Puget Sound second-growth rainforest at the Evergreen State College. Over-time, these data will allow us to address how forests change, and how climate change is affecting ecosystems.

The **Center for Community-Based Learning and Action**, established in 2004 links students and faculty at Evergreen with organizations working on a wide range of community issues. We believe in learning collaboratively within the community, supporting civic engagement, and promoting a better understanding of social justice issues.