

Top 10 Recycling Rates, FY 2005

1. Advanced Technology Lab	71.3%
2. Waste Management Services	68.2%
3. Corner House	64.2%
4. Law School Annex	64.2%
5. 1018 Fuller Building	58.9%
6. BIRB Building	57.9%
7. Radrick Recreation Facility	57.8%
8. Center for Community Service	56.7%
9. North Hall & Museum Annex	55.4%
10. Parking Operations	55.0%

Top 10 Increases in Recycling Rate*

1. Kelsey Museum	282.1%
2. Ford Library	271.0%
3. Golf Course Club House	237.1%
4. North Campus Electric Shop	228.2%
5. N.C. Service Building #1 (OSEH)	227.3%
6. Wall Street	222.6%
7. Law School Annex	217.8%
8. BIRB Building	181.1%
9. President's Residence	171.7%
10. Laundry	157.5%

*From FY 2004

Upcoming Events

October: Energy Awareness Month

October 16 Lead Poisoning Prevention Week
 October 22 Make a Difference Day

November

November 15 America Recycles Day
 November 17 Use Less Stuff Day

December

December 21 Winter Solstice

January: National Radon Action Month

February

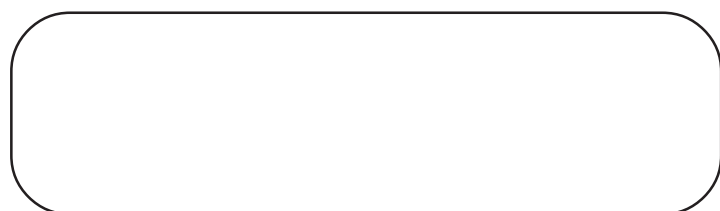
February 2 World Wetlands Day

March

March 11 Johnny Appleseed Day
 March 20 International Earth Day
 March 22 World Water Day

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Recycling Matters

Recycling News & Information from Grounds & Waste Management

for the University of Michigan Community

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 Check us out online at
www.recycle.umich.edu

Rockin' and Recyclin': UM Ann Arbor Tops 36% Recycling Rate

The results are in! The fiscal year 2005 recycling statistics have been calculated and last year, the University of Michigan recycled 36.4% of its waste! This rate takes into account all waste streams handled by UM Waste Management Services (WMS) and includes mixed paper, mixed containers, scrap metal, scrap wood and secondary recyclables (e.g. Styrofoam, transparencies, hardcover books, etc.).



The current rate is up slightly from FY 2004, when the University recycled 35.9% of its waste (when including all materials handled by WMS). This increase can be attributed to increased educational efforts on the part of WMS, increased commitment to the environment by the University and the campus-wide roll out of the Plant Building Services & Grounds and Waste Management Office Trash & Recycling Program, which began

in FY 2003. In comparison, the recycling rate for the United States is 24% while it is only 20% for the State of Michigan.

When determining building-specific rates, only paper and mixed container recyclables are included for simplicity's sake. Our top performer for FY 2005 was Advanced Technology Lab, recycling 71.3% of their waste! Corner House had the largest increase in recycling rate, up 133.5% from FY 2004 (64.2% from 27.5%). Way to go! Check out Page 4 for FY 2005's Recycling Top Ten Lists. If you are interested in where your school/department/building ranked, please contact UM Waste Management Services at recycle@umich.edu.

New to the U: REdU

The University of Michigan Waste Management Services is now offering an educational forum on one of our favorite topics: The 3 "R"s! REdU (Recycling Education at the University) is not only a fun time, but informative!

The purpose of REdU is two-fold. First, it strives to establish Recycling Champions in individual departments, offices and schools who can be a contact person for waste and recycling issues in their area. Second, it provides a forum for these Recycling Champions to bring questions and concerns back from their peers to WMS. Monthly meetings include an educational presentation as well as time for discussion amongst the group on issues of concern to them.



So far, educational presentations have included recycling electronic media and packaging materials and how to prevent junk mail. To check on future meeting topics and previous meeting minutes, check out: www.recycle.umich.edu/grounds/recycle/redu/. Those who are interested in stopping the waste insanity are encouraged to join REdU! If you would like more information, please contact recycle@umich.edu.

From the Recycling Office

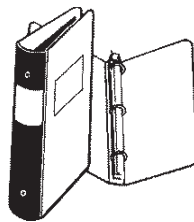
Today, we'd like to bring up a topic that many of us are uncomfortable discussing. Staff, faculty and students across the University have had first hand experience with this issue, but rarely bring it up. I'm talking, of course, about binders. Yes, 3-ring binders and the overpurchasing of them.

The WMS warehouse generally has 300-700 binders from office cleanouts at all times, but no one is interested in them, generally because they can't find ones that match.

We encourage you and your departments/offices/schools to reduce your purchasing of binders. They are useful tools for compiling documents, but most end up with us. Information that people get in binders is often recycled after a year (once people realize that they haven't looked at it or know that they can find the same info online). Additionally, at \$2.00 - \$20.00 a piece, you can save a lot of money by not using them or visiting us for some gently used ones.



If you are in need of binders for a meeting and are willing to try used ones, consider using ones that do not match. When you get sprinkles on your ice cream, they're not all orange, are they? Most people don't even notice the binder you give them – they are far more concerned with what that binder contains.



In closing, we encourage you to reevaluate your binder purchasing needs. If you absolutely need binders for an event, please contact us. We have a wide variety for you to choose from.

Your Friends,
Waste Management Services Staff

Recycling Fun!



ACROSS

- 2** Most Americans have at least one of these lying around, waiting to be recycled
4 The University takes all paper and container recyclables here for processing
5 The first of the 3 R's
11 Paper recycling dumpster color
12 The Waste Management office is here
14 November 15 (the answer is not Opening Day of Hunting Season)
16 A recyclable cat or dog?
17 Recycling Education at the University
18 The number of trees saved by recycling 1 ton of paper
19 Number of years recycling has been taking place at Michigan Stadium
20 This should be your printer's default setting

DOWN

- 1** Composting using worms
3 Don't buy these office supplies; you can get them from the WMS office
6 We try to avoid this in the recycling bins
7 Michigan Stadium announcement: "Don't ____ the Big House!"
8 The #6 on some packing material means this
9 The #2 on the bottom of some bottles and jars means this
10 The most important part of recycling
13 Recycled water bottles can be made into this
15 Bring this to meetings for your coffee or tea

*Answers can be found at www.recycle.umich.edu

You've Got Questions,

Dear Recyclers,

My office recently upgraded my cell phone. Is there anything I can do with my old one? No Longer Using a Bag Phone, Plant Ops

Yes! Waste Management Services collects used cell phones for recycling. Those that can be, are remanufactured. Those that cannot are completely recycled. Send phones via campus mail to "Waste Management Services, 1655 Dean Road, campus zip 2159."

Dear Waste People,

We have a broken computer in our office. Can we put it in the trash or recycling dumpster? Virus Prone, College of Engineering

Electronics cannot legally go in either dumpster. They must be handled by HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials Management Program) at OSEH. All consumer electronics containing circuit boards (copiers, computer hard drives, typewriters, scanners, etc.) must either be recycled or disposed of as Hazardous Waste. Contact HAZMAT at 763-4568 for more information.

10 Things You Can Do With Used Binders

1. Use them to file! Label a binder as you would a file folder, hole punch your papers (or get plastic sleeves to slide them into) and display your files proudly on a bookshelf.

2. Hole punch one-sided paper and place it in the binder. Instant notebook!

3. Use them to level your desk.



4. Having an office party or retirement shindig? Place your pictures in a reused binder for the staff to enjoy.

5. Binders make great bookends for reports that just won't stay upright.

6. Tired of looking at your office mates? Create an instant cubicle by placing them around your desk.

7. Organize your week. Insert tabs with the days of the week and file your workload according to which day you need to work on something.



8. Look important! Label the spines of empty binders with important-sounding titles like "2005 Annual Report" or "Fiscal Responsibility in the 21st Century" and place them on your bookshelf. No one will know the difference!

9. Going to a conference? Organize your trip with tabs for "Flight," "Hotel," "Conference Info," "Receipts," etc. Hole punch the appropriate paperwork and file.

10. Get creative! Reuse can be fun!! If you have an idea for another use for used binders, please send it to recycle@umich.edu and we'll publish it in the next edition of Recycling Matters!



No Waste For Weatherbee

"It doesn't matter what your title is, you too can be a recycling coordinator."



Recycling Matters continues to recognize great recyclers on campus. In this issue, we highlight Julie Weatherbee, Information Systems Training Specialist for the Shapiro Undergraduate Library, who became involved in recycling when there was a call for help by the library's previous recycling coordinator. Julie has now taken charge of getting the library's materials recycled.

Julie collects polystyrene, electronic media and various other recyclable items from Shapiro as well as offering her recycling experience to the other libraries on campus. In the ITCS, office she has created a recycling area that serves as the hub for the storage and collection of many recyclables. After years of experience, Julie has discovered some useful tips for organizing and promoting the recycling process:

1) Ask UM Waste Management Services. Think something might be recyclable/reusable? Email recycle@umich.edu for answers to your recycling questions.

2) Send out e-mail reminders. Not only are you saving paper, e-mails can serve as a friendly reminder or way of purveying information to your audience.

3) Talk to people about recycling. Most are willing to recycle so spread the word! Let people know if they are disposing of something that can be diverted from the waste stream.

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