

## No trashcan at our desks

“Do you find that recyclables are the most common “trash” in your desk-side trash can?”

Reducing the number of trashcans that are on-site at people’s desks, and having Central Waste Stations will:

- Increase the amount of recycling, translating in savings (tipping fees are 15% lower for Single Stream Recycling)
- Cut down on can liners is a direct benefit to the environment and a cost reduction for the institution
- Encourage public health by having occupants take a few trips a day to this core location to dispose of their waste (50 Points on your Well Canes Card if your office take it a step further and apply to the Green Office Program).
- Reduce the risks of odors and small pests’ occurrences
- Allow for janitorial teams to focus on more sensitive areas of the building

Goals:

- Increase our current diversion rate from landfill from 30% to 45% by 2021
- Make more efficient use of our janitorial teams schedule
- Reducing the cost of waste disposal through lower recycling tipping fees, reassignment of janitorial team’s duties and reduction of small cans liners.

Requirements:

- Take your few waste items to the **Central waste stations** placed in traffic areas for ease of access on your floor
- The small recycling desk bucket cannot have liners, otherwise it could get contaminated.
- Optional: Invite offices to give mugs, or at least to **mention the use of individual mugs as temporary storage of small trash waste**
- New policy should include some **exceptions** for areas that don’t have enough space or easy access to central stations, and on an individual basis exceptions related to special needs (diabetic discarding treatment...).

Blue bucket:

- Use your **small blue bucket for all recyclables** (**EMPTY and CLEAN** plastic containers, steel or aluminum cans, non-confidential paper documents, and light-weight cardboard; For Signage and video you might want to share on recycling at the U, visit [miami.edu/recycle: https://greenu.miami.edu/topics/waste-diversion/single-stream-recycling/index.html](https://greenu.miami.edu/topics/waste-diversion/single-stream-recycling/index.html)). Our janitorial team is **not picking up this small blue bin at your desk**. Empty it periodically in the tall Blue bins with a clear liner located on your floor, they **will be picked up weekly**.

If you feel you need an extra central station in your area, please contact Facilities.

Thanks for your support and collaboration, Go Green, Go Canes!