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## City of Seattle passes paper ban

The Seattle City Council recently passed an ordinance making the recycling of paper mandatory for all businesses. The paper ban was passed with the hope of reversing a declining recycling rate.

The amount of waste recycled in Seattle reached a peak of 44% in 1995, but has since declined. Paper remains one of the two main recyclable materials still disposed of as garbage.

The paper ban will be implemented in several phases. Beginning March 31, 2004, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) will begin informing businesses about the new recycling requirements.

On January 1, 2005, SPU will start placing notices on commercial garbage containers which contain large amounts of paper.

Finally, on January 1, 2006, SPU will begin enforcing the ban by mailing warning notices to businesses not in compliance and fines will be imposed on repeat offenders.

With the ban now in place, staff should strive to recycle all types of clean paper, including newspapers, magazines, envelopes, and Post-it Notes.

Recycling paper saves the University money spent to remove garbage and generates revenue to support the recycling program through resale of recycled paper.

Recycling makes sense environmentally and economically.

The new ordinance is a chance for the University to save on utility costs and lead the way in paper recycling in the Puget Sound area.

Contact UW Recycling at 206.685.2811 or email [recycle@u.washington.edu](mailto:recycle@u.washington.edu) for assistance in starting or improving your department's recycling program.



*As part of the University's commitment to the paper ban, clearly labeled Public Area Bins are placed on campus with the goal of capturing as much paper as possible.*

## The perfect encouragement is a prize

With the passing of the paper ban comes the realization that we can all do a better job of recycling paper on campus.

Now is your chance to win something for yourself while doing your part for the environment. Patagonia has donated one of their fleece vests made from recycled plastic bottles, which will be awarded to the staff member with the most creative response to:

***"How can we best encourage people to recycle paper on campus?"***

You can email your response to [recycle@u.washington.edu](mailto:recycle@u.washington.edu) with Recycle Competition in the subject header or send your response via campus mail to Box 355210.



The competition is open to all faculty and staff at the University of Washington. Competition closes Monday May 3 and the winner will be selected by 3:00pm Thursday May 6, 2004.



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## Personal Recycle Bin hopes to increase paper recycling

The University of Washington has been recycling paper for almost 30 years. Elements of the UW Recycling program that should be familiar to everyone are Bagit Stations, Silver Bins, and Public Area Bins (PABs). Each of these collection containers plays a vital role in the UW paper recycling system.

To encourage a greater degree of participation in paper recycling, UW Recycling is adding a new container to the program. Personal Recycle Bins will be provided to our campus population at no cost – simply click on the on-line form at [www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/personal\\_bin.html](http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/personal_bin.html) to request a container.

These recycling boxes can be used in office areas, workrooms, and conference rooms to capture paper that is usually discarded in existing waste baskets. Additional Bagit stations can also be purchased via the recycle website at [www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/bagit\\_req.html](http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling/bagit_req.html).

Every item recycled on campus passes through the hands of someone who makes a decision whether to recycle or discard. The UW Recycling Program will provide containers for recycling so that everyone can choose to recycle where trash has been the only option. The University can achieve the 60% recycling target when the campus community joins together to



*The new bins promise a more convenient way to recycle all your office paper.*

accomplish this important goal. Avoiding the unnecessary disposal of paper, a valuable resource, will save the University money.

*The new Personal Recycling Bins can be ordered from UW Recycling at 206.685.2811 or you can visit our website at <http://www.washington.edu/admin/recycling>*

### Phonebook ordering & recycling

All orders and pickups will be coordinated by UW Recycle this year. All 2003 Phonebook Coordinators will be contacted in the coming weeks with updated information.

## uwsurplus.com ties the knot with eBay

With the new year comes a new name, **www.uwsurplus.com** – infinitely easier to remember than that old address. By now you've probably heard that the UW is also selling select items on eBay.

You can get information on this new partnership by visiting our website. When you visit, check out the new user friendly form for requesting a surplus pickup.

It's a lot easier to purchase surplus and get rid of items no longer needed. It's another way to make a difference.

Reuse: an important part of recycling.



## A BIG THANK YOU

UW Recycling would like to thank all of those people who are actively supporting the new plastic film recycling program.

If you would like to become part of the program call UW Recycling at 206.685.2811.