



Hey, Orson, nice sign... but what's the deal?  
*I want everyone to show more respect for Mother Nature.*

That's nice... but why now..?

*Well, we sure don't seem to be paying attention to the many ways we are mistreating our life support system. Mother Nature is getting pretty hot under the collar... Like they say, "If Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."*

## Love Your Recycling Bin!



The new waste separation bins need some love and attention. Blue bins are for recycling – gray ones are for landfill trash. Placement of these new bins is intended to help you remember:

### Recycling is right – Landfill what's left.

If you are confused about what is accepted for commingled recycling – and most things are! – please check the info sheets posted over the blue recycling bins. *Show you love recycling.*

Please pay special attention to how to properly handle the beverage "go-cup": the empty paper hot cup is landfill trash; the plastic top and paper sleeve are recyclable.

Please do not place full or half-full cups of liquid in either the trash or recycling bins – they make a real mess!

Please treat your recycling bin – and the housekeeping staff – with respect.



## A more sustainable Valentine's Day

**Skip the card.** Opt for a hand-written letter or poem on recycled paper. Create a thoughtful list of all the things you love about the person.

**Flowers:** Give a potted plant and/or organic or local flowers. Spend the extra effort to make paper flowers or an origami rose.



**Perfume:** Some of the chemicals that make up the fragrance mix in many perfumes can be toxic. Give an essential oil or other all-natural fragrance reminds you of your Valentine.

**Chocolate:** Give fair-trade and/or organic chocolate. Spend a romantic night together making fudge or chocolate chunk cookies.

**Restaurant meal:** Making a homemade, local and/or organic meal is a great alternative to eating out. Use beeswax candles to add that romantic touch.

**Unique Valentine gifts:** If you're looking for a one-of-a-kind gift, think vintage. Antique jewelry or some other retro gift can have more meaning without using new resources. Use the local *ReUse Directory* to find one of 40 stores: <http://ccetompkins.org/money/get-your-green-back-tompkins/second-hand-stores>. If you're crafty, make a homemade gift: a knit scarf, a tie-dyed shirt, or a piece of art or a music mix.



**"Installment"** is a double play on words: these informational mini-newsletters are put inside bathroom cubicles ("in stalls") and the content gets changed out - in "installments."

**Get it? Got it? Good!**



## Get Spotted!

New GOTCHA cards are out! The leaders of the sustainability-related clubs are on

the lookout for folks using their own reusable beverage container instead of opting for a disposable cup. Be spotted doing the right thing and get a card redeemable for a free 12-oz coffee or hot tea refill at *Express Café*. This free refill will only be dispensed into your reusable beverage container.

## Be a RecycleManiac!



Wells is participating in *RecycleMania*, a friendly contest among colleges to see recycles the most. *RecycleMania* starts February 1. Pitch in – into the right bin, of course! – and help Wells score well in this annual competition.

## Show some love – conserve!!

Help Wells save money on electricity. Turn off lights if you are the last one out of any room. If you will be out of your room or office for an extended period, please **turn off** and **unplug** all energy-using equipment. Many continue to draw power even when the item is turned off but still left plugged in.



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