



Orson the Owl says: **"Whooo can become more sustainable? YOU can!"**

What does it mean to become more sustainable? It means being very mindful about the choices we make, taking into account the human, economic and environmental impacts of our decisions. Certainly we can all be less wasteful of natural resources like water and energy, and we can support campus recycling and reuse efforts.

Watch for Orson to fly by to remind you about ways to become more sustainable.

## Commingled Recycling

All the items shown here can be collected in campus commingled recycling containers:

### Please support our recycling efforts:

- **rinse out** food and drink containers
- flatten paper and cardboard containers
- lids, labels, and neck rings on bottles are OK
- staples, rubber bands and paper clips are OK



### Installments

are produced as a community service by the **Wells Center for Sustainability and the Environment.**

### Only these items go in the landfill trash bins:

- Compostable items (*Stay tuned! We are working on an alternate collection option!*)
- Used paper cups, napkins & towels
- Food waste (*ditto the above*)
- Styrofoam® items



**"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!**

### What about batteries?

Rechargeable (*lithium ion*) batteries - while a more sustainable choice than single-use disposable versions - pose problems for disposal because the metals in them are hazardous to the environment. If you have dead batteries to dispose of - either variety - there are two places to drop them off:



- Stratton Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - restroom alcove
- Center for Sustainability and the Environment (temporarily in MacMillan 213)

### What about excess/expired prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications?



Please, please, *please* don't flush unneeded medications down the toilet or rinse out the contents in the sink. Some chemicals in these

medications pose significant environmental problems when they get into water sources. Please hold onto these items for now - we are working on a collection solution for them.

**Bag it!** Plastic bags are recyclable but not in commingled recycling. Got bags? Put them in the marked box in the Center for Sustainability.



Any questions about sustainable practices?

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