Installment Summer 2014



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 in our consumption of natural resources like water and energy, and can support campus recycling efforts.

"Installment" is a double play on words: we place these informational newsletters inside bathroom stalls ("in stalls") and the content of these newsletters will change out periodically - in "installments."

Get it? Good!

Keep an eye peeled for Orson. He will fly in from time to time to remind you about ways that **YOU** can be more sustainable.



Dang! That was easy! We have set up a Staples Advantage<sup>™</sup> program with discounted pricing on office supply items we all use regularly. We have

also worked with Staples to create a special menu of more sustainable products. Check them out! Going "green" doesn't have to cost more "green", if you know what we mean.

If you need help establishing a Staples Advantage<sup>™</sup> account for your department or program, email sustainability@ wells.edu.

## Random Sustainability Factoid



Did you know that you really can dry your hands with just one paper towel? First, turn off the faucet to save water.

- Over the sink, shake your wet hands briskly, no fewer than 12 times.
- ◆ Take just one paper towel and fold it in half.
- ♦ Now, dry your hands completely.

Try it - it really works! Save another tree!

## Installments

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## Let's Commingle!

Working with our waste management contractor, we are moving to "single stream recycling." Place all these items in the same bin:

mixed paper (white/colored paper, magazines, catalogs, newspapers, envelopes, paperboard) glass containers metal cans and foil plastic containers #1 through #7 Milk and juice cartons small rigid plastics

> Help reduce any "ick!" factor. Please rinse out food containers first.

## Sign(s) of the Times



We have been out placing reminder signage on light switches, near bathroom sinks. over new trash/recycling stations,

in classrooms, and, of course, putting these *Installments* where you can read them several times a day. Ahem.

If you don't see these signs - reminding you to recycle, or to conserve energy or water - in places where they would do some good (like your office?) and you would like to help us place one (or more!) in an appropriate area, please email sustainability@ wells.edu.

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