

STU ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Dear St. Thomas Faculty and Staff,

The 40th Anniversary of Earth Day was April 22nd, what steps did you make to do something extra good that day for your community, your wallet and the planet? On second thought, why don't we do that every day?

A special thank you to Aramark, Director of Campus Dining (Cathy Blankenship) who donated 3 Gumbo Limbo Trees, and Florida Power & Light, Stanley Thornton for his Energy Usage Presentation and Energy Audit throughout campus.

Below you will find tips and hopefully answers to your environmental/sustainability questions related to St. Thomas University.

Sincerely,

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Proper Battery Disposal— Federal Department of Transportation Regulations:

All batteries, alkaline, lithium, lead, nickel metal hydride, carbon zinc, etc., or battery powered products are subject to 49 CFR 173.21(c) in the U.S. hazardous materials regulations. This provision prohibits "the offering for transportation or transportation of ... electrical devices which are likely to create sparks or generate a dangerous quantity of heat, unless packaged in a manner which precludes such an occurrence."

What does this mean to you? Once a battery is ready to be disposed of, use any kind of tape to cover the terminals. Batteries will not be accepted for recycling unless these procedures are followed. This regulation applies to all batteries. Please bring taped batteries to Physical Plant's front desk, located in Lewis Hall for proper disposal. Proper compliance is everyone's responsibility! Your battery means you tape the terminals, your responsibility. Physical plant will ensure that the battery is properly recycled in accordance to FDOT regulations.

Examples of properly taped batteries
(any kind of tape can be used)



Recycling @ STU—

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Did you know we have commingled recycling? Commingled Recycling is easy, and accepts a wide range of materials. Recycling reduces the amount of garbage you put out for collection... which will help reduce the Universities garbage costs! Also, **Waste Prevention Is Even Better than Recycling!** Help reduce waste by using less packaging and reusing containers. And remember to buy products made with recycled materials!

Please remove all food residues.

** Need desk side recycling? Please email Monique Brijbasi at mbrijbasi@stu.edu.

Put all clean recyclables loose in your blue desk side recycling container, including:

- Clean paper and mail
- Newspaper and advertising
- Phonebooks
- Magazines and catalogs
- Flattened cardboard (limit 3'x 3')
- Paper food boxes (liner removed)
- Frozen food boxes
- Milk cartons and juice boxes
- Plastic bottles and jugs (no lids or caps)
- Aluminum cans
- Tin or steel cans
- Clean ferrous metal (sticks to a magnet; limit 2' x 2', 35 lb. max)



Before putting that piece of paper in the recycle bin, make sure it has been used to its full capacity by reusing it. Set up trays or bins for documents that have printing on one side and aren't needed any longer. The blank side can be used to print internal documents or drafts.



Questions and Comments? Please email Monique Brijbasi at mbrijbasi@stu.edu or call x.6648

Also visit us on the web at, <http://www.stu.edu/ComplianceGreeningSustainability/tabid/2683/Default.aspx>