MANY MORE THINGS NOW GO IN MIXED PAPER RECYCLING + REMINDERS OF OTHER RECYCLING OPTIONS. Please recycle instead of trashing!

NOTE: If you have a lot that needs to be sorted for recycling or filing cabinets that need to be cleaned out, email Kriss to arrange for Circulation staff to sort it.

Place in MIXED PAPER recycling boxes
- colored paper, junk mail, flyers, brochures - colored, glossy, or heavy paper are all OK; remove metal/plastic spirals from coursepacks, notebooks, etc.
- envelopes (white, manila, color) -- envelopes with windows, stamps, self-stick flaps and address labels are now OK
- catalogs - glossy paper is now ok
- book jackets can now be recycled as mixed paper
- carbonless "carbon paper" or NCR paper (like Yankee approval slips) - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbonless_copy_paper
- NOTE: staples are okay, paper clips are also OK, but if you have a lot, bring the papers to Mark or Kriss in Circulation and we will remove the clips for re-use and recycle paper for you

Don't place in MIXED PAPER recycling boxes but most can be re-used or recycled in other ways - please read on.
- white paper - place in white paper recycling box (not mixed) - white paper brings a considerably higher price to the university than mixed, so please take time to sort
- bubble wrap, styrofoam pellets, used file folders and hanging file folders (take to the library mail room for re-use)
- Tyvek envelopes - re-use for library/campus mail or send to the library mail room for re-use - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyvek
- library confidential papers - place in bright blue "curb cart" on the north side of DataCat for shredding; sorry, we cannot allow confidential shredding of non-work papers because the library is charged for shredding. Take confidential home papers to Friedland (405 E Maple, Old Town Lansing, 482-3000 or Safe Records Center Inc, 4940 Contec Drive, Lansing, www.saferecordscenter.com 394-0832 )
- phone books - please in the MIXED PAPER curb cart in the basement (under the mail room, near the freight elevator)
- books and magazines - please on truck in DataCat to go to our booksale at the MSU Surplus Store
- These things can't be recycled, so place in the trash: full sheets of self-stick labels or stickers, laminated paper, napkins, paper towels, paper plates, tissues, wax or carbon paper; paper ream wrappers (which are infused with plastic to form a vapor barrier)

Please recycle these assorted items, too - plastic and glass bottles, videos, CDs, DVDs, jewel cases, transparencies, fiche, printer cartridges, diskettes, and batteries
- #1 PETE and #2 plastic - place in green plastic bins, located by Tom Cocozzoli's office, by the Acquisitions coffee nook, and throughout public areas
- glass bottles - place in recycle bin by condiments in the CyberCafe
- videos, CDs, DVDs, jewel cases, transparencies, fiche, printer cartridges, diskettes, batteries - place in clear plastic shoe boxes on shelves next to curb carts, basement-west, by the freight elevator
- Canon copier toner cartridges - please in small blue bin to the left of the curb carts, basement west, by the freight elevator
WHY SHOULD MSU EMPLOYEES RECYCLE, REDUCE WASTE, REDUCE ENERGY USE??

In 2005, MSU was issued a unique challenge by President Simon to move MSU from land-grant to world-grant by 2012. She named this strategic vision "Boldness by Design." In seven years, the University would go through a true transformation to carry forward the values of teaching, education and outreach on a global scale.

"Environmental Stewardship" was among the programs implemented under Boldness by Design. Instead of making a simple change to increase recycling or use less energy, the leaders promised to be truly bold and make systemic changes in the way that we understand and address environmental stewardship. A systems team (students, faculty and staff) studied inputs to campus, campus systems & processes -- and outputs leaving the campus and explored challenges from technical, cost, and behavioral perspectives. This approach boasts the uniqueness of having student/faculty/staff collaboration, institutional support and a holistic, process driven approach to environmental stewardship." (Paraphrased from: http://www.bespartangreen.msu.edu/about)

In November 2006, MSU administrators joined the Chicago Climate Exchange (http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/content.jsf?id=821) by signing a legally-binding agreement to improve the natural environment on campus and reduce MSU's overnight carbon dioxide emissions by 1 percent each year.

"Environmental stewardship" has spawned the "Be Spartan Green" initiative to reduce energy use, reduce waste, increase reuse and recycling, and promote environmental initiatives. MSU staff were recruited in each building to be "environmental stewards." The Main Library stewards are the Library Environmental Committee members. As stewards, we have been directed by MSU Vice President Posten and Provost Wilcox to:

- promote environmental changes among our co-workers
- answer questions and provide information to library staff about environmental stewardship
- provide liaison between the campus "Be Spartan Green Team" and the MSU Libraries for suggestions, improvements and progress

"The University has set clear goals by 2015 to reduce energy use by 15%, greenhouse gas emissions by 15%, and landfill waste by 30%. MSU staff and students are expected to participate in this effort. http://www.bespartangreen.msu.edu/about/index.html

Resources: http://www.bespartangreen.msu.edu/resources/index.html

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