

# New Recycling Bin Guidelines

## Frequently Asked Questions

(as of December 2008)

- **Why is the Recycling Program offering different types of recycling bins?**

In Spring 2008, the University's Fire Marshal noted that recycling bins located in public areas should be of non-combustible construction. The Rubbermaid recycling bins placed in public areas for the last 5 years do not meet this requirement, so steel bins are being reintroduced to campus.

- **What is a "public area"?**

A public area is defined as any space that, when open, is unmonitored or unstaffed. Examples of public areas include lobbies, lunchrooms, common areas, classrooms, etc.

- **Does this mean I have to replace all of the Rubbermaid bins currently in my building?**

*No, you do not have to replace the bins in your building.* Only recycling bin additions fall under these guidelines.

- **Can I still get Rubbermaid recycling bins from the Recycling Program?**

Yes, but only for non-public areas including private office areas, staffed reception areas, etc.

- **Our building wants 'nicer' recycling bins. Does the Recycling Program offer anything like this?**

Yes, we have begun offering a 'nicer' style of non-combustible recycling bins. These bins are available to General Fund buildings at a reduced cost and at full cost to Auxiliary buildings.

- **What if I need more information or have questions?**

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