

# Waste Audit



*Undergraduate students performing a waste audit at Croul Hall*



*Easy Ways You Can Minimize Campus Waste and Divert Materials from the Landfill*

## Did You Know?

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, 7,000 gallons of water, and 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity.

In 2008, UCI recycled 575 tons of paper.

Recycling 1 million desktop computers prevents the release of greenhouse gases equivalent to the annual emissions of 17,000 passenger cars.

It takes 700+ years for plastic bottles to break down in a landfill.

Waste Management estimates that 65% of all household waste material is recyclable.

## What Can I Do?

### Reduce

- Make double-sided copies
- Make sure printers have double-sided as the default
- Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- Avoid printing needlessly
- Email instead of fax
- Avoid items with excess packaging
- Buy items in bulk
- Eliminate paper mail & request mail be delivered electronically whenever possible
- Buy less toxic products

### Reuse

- Buy durable items
- Avoid single use (disposable) items
- Repair rather than replace
- Buy recycled content products
- Sell or donate unwanted items
- Buy reusable bags for grocery shopping

### Recycle

- Materials that recycling centers accept vary by location, so check your municipality's website or phone book for details
- Check out Earth 911 (<http://earth911.com>) for local recyclers and recycling tips
- Visit <http://recyclethis.co.uk/> for creative ideas to recycle random stuff

## Campus Recycling Resources

### Non Hazardous/Electronic Waste

#### Indoor and outdoor Recycling Programs

Managed by Facilities Management. Visit <http://snap.uci.edu/viewXmlFile.jsp?resourceID=1448> for more information.

#### Student Housing Recycling Program

Palo Verde, Verano, and Campus Village have recycling programs. For more details visit <http://www.housing.uci.edu/sustainability/Recycling.asp>.

Contact: Anne Krieghoff at (949) 824-9097

### Hazardous & Electronic Waste

Can be recycled through Environmental Health & Safety events/programs. More information is available at <http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/enviro/>.

Contact: Kirk Matin at (949) 284-4578

### Surplus Property Sales

Equipment Management runs a surplus sales program, an on-line storefront for selling and buying surplus property. Visit <http://snap.uci.edu/viewXmlFile.jsp?resourceID=3345> for details.

Contact: Helen Wessel (949) 824-6111

### Student Involvement

Students can get involved in recycling efforts through the Anteater for Recycling club. Check out their website at <http://www.clubs.uci.edu/recycle/index.html>.

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