

Centralized Waste at UCLA

Frequently Asked Questions

What is it?

Centralized waste bins with three streams (compost, recycling, and landfill) will be strategically placed throughout the building, providing you easy access to a bin while practicing safe distancing.

How does it work?

Deskside trash and recycling will no longer be serviced, but can be kept to transport waste. Building occupants will bring and sort their waste at one of these centralized waste bins.



Step 1:

Collect your waste. You may choose to use your deskside bin or not.



Step 2:

Bring and **sort** your waste at a centralized bin.

Why move to centralized collection?

Health & Safety for Everyone

Adhering to guidelines from UCLA Clinical Epidemiology & Infection Prevention, centralized waste collection will reduce the number of touch points for both building occupants and custodians. Reducing the number of waste bin collections will allow custodians to **prioritize cleaning high priority touch points.**

Building Occupant Benefits:

- Cleaner and healthier environment and workspaces
- Improved ergonomics and productivity by taking "microbreaks"

Custodial Benefits:

- Reduced risk of repetitive motion related injuries
- Reduced daily plastic bag generation and consumption

Centralized Waste Bin Etiquette

General Information

Contact your building coordinator if you require liners. A small initial supply will be provided to building coordinator based on occupancy. Building coordinators may call 310-825-9236 for additional liners but a fee will be recharged.

Centralized waste bins will be serviced daily. High touch points cleaning and disinfection will take place at least twice daily, and will occur more frequently if the risk of contamination is higher.

What goes where?

You can help UCLA maintain a clean and safe environment by carrying out any waste items you have and disposing them in the proper stream. Waste bins now feature new labels and signs, making it simpler for you to know what can be recycled, composted, or landfilled. Liners will also be color coded.



Compost - GREEN

All organic material accepted. Food scraps and soiled paper products such as coffee filters and greasy pizza boxes can be composted.

Recycle - BLUE

Hard plastic containers, clean mixed paper, metal containers and foil sheets, and glass containers. MUST be clean and empty containers, otherwise the item risks contamination.

Landfill - TAN

Items smaller than 2 inches in diameter, plastic film, and plastic utensils/straws. Mixed material items (made of more than one material, such as laminated paper and chip bags) belong in the landfill

Full sized signage can be found on the website!

Resources

General Inquiries

Do you have a question that was not addressed here? Do you need to dispose something that needs to be specially handled, such as batteries, electronics, or printer cartridges? Visit <https://www.sustain.ucla.edu/zero-waste/recycling-request-form/> or email zerowaste@ucla.edu.

Zero Waste Online Presentations

Departments can request online education opportunities to learn more about zero waste and sustainability at UCLA. The Zero Waste Team will provide a curated session to address your questions and concerns and encourage an open discussion with your department.

Contact zerowaste@ucla.edu for more information. Follow [@zerowasteucla](https://www.instagram.com/zerowasteucla) on Instagram to learn more about how you can lower your waste generation!



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