

Centralized Waste: *What is it and why?*

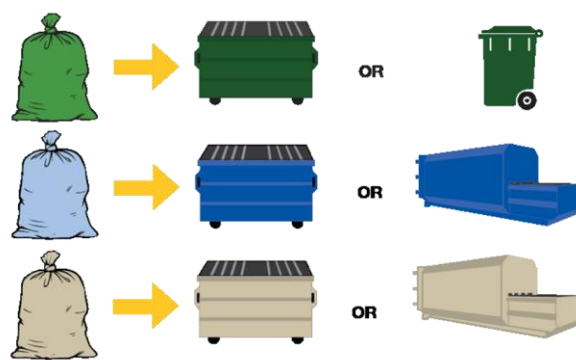
Centralized waste means that individual desk-side bins in offices will no longer be serviced and that building occupants will need to take their waste to a communal waste station. Centralized waste collection was first piloted in June 2019 and has been a campus-wide Custodial Initiative since June 2020 in an effort to reduce high touch points, encourage social distancing between custodians and building occupants, and increase accessibility to recycling and compost in order to meet the UC Policy on Sustainable Practices on Zero Waste.

In addition to reducing high touch points, centralizing waste stations consolidates and reduces the number of receptacles to empty and the number of plastic waste liners used on campus.

How does it work?

Facilities Management is standardizing the types of waste receptacles used on campus to reduce the number of liner sizes used. Each liner indicates a specific waste stream and matches the color of the dumpster/compactor outside. **Green** liners will be used for compost, **blue** liners will be used for recycling, and **beige/tan** liners will be used for landfill waste.

Only waste bins meeting the Waste Bin Requirements will be serviced moving forward. **No containers less than 22 gallons in volume shall be serviced** and bins will be placed in specified areas. Common waste bins meeting these requirements are shown on the following page.



FlexEs are the campus standard and will be found in all buildings serviced by Facilities Management. There should be a **green**, **blue**, and **beige/tan** liner used in each unit in the correct corresponding location. Liners can be hooked or tied in place using the notches on the base of the unit, under the lid.



Service Changes

Effective immediately, the following changes will apply. Major changes have been bolded and italicized.

	Custodial Changes	Building Occupant Expectations
Wet/Dry Labs & Studios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Small volume generators will bring and sort waste at FlexEs</i> <i>Medium to high volume generators will bring waste to centralized Rubbermaid Brutes provided by Facilities</i> <i>Medium to high volume generators will leave bins meeting Waste Bin Requirements in hallways for service</i> <i>Only waste bins meeting Waste Bin Requirements will be serviced and relined at least daily (i.e. bins 22 gallons or larger)</i> <i>Custodians do not enter lab spaces for waste collection</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Waste is collected, sorted, and disposed at a centralized waste station</i> <i>No more desk-side bins are left outside of rooms for servicing</i> <i>Waste receptacles retained by spaces are consolidated, therefore right-sizing waste needs for each room</i> <i>Lab glass for recycling is put in a sealed, labeled box weighing ≤ 15lbs</i> <i>Cardboard is flattened and placed neatly beside centralized bins</i>
Administrative Departments & Offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discontinuation of desk-side waste collection services, with the <i>exception of ADA compliance via Trouble Call</i> Only waste bins meeting Waste Bin Requirements will be serviced at least daily (i.e. bins 22 gallons or larger) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste is collected, sorted, and disposed at a centralized waste station Desk-side bins can be kept to transport waste from workstations. Requests for desk-side landfill liners will be recharged.

Bins Meeting Waste Bin Requirements

Custodians will empty and reline the following centralized receptacles in accordance to the scheduled frequencies:

FlexE

- 3-streams
- 50 gallon capacity
- Campus standard

Slim FlexE

- 2-streams
- 22 gallon capacity

Slim Jim

- 1 stream, comes in black/grey, blue, and green
- 22 gallon capacity

Brute

- 1 stream, beige, blue, or green liner determines stream
- 32 gallon capacity

