

Proposal for paper recycling in the BSB and HSEB

This proposal resembles the New York City recycling program. Most people coming through the Downstate doors are quite familiar with the protocols from their homes. Start with paper recycling. It is heavy material, is generally clean is probably the most abundant recyclable waste generated in the BSB and HSEB.

All clean paper for recycling will be placed in the bins and kept in the area generated until pick-up. Large cardboard boxes should be broken down flat and stacked near the recycling bin.

One day a week, the janitorial staff will collect the paper and cardboard recyclables. On that day, other non-recyclable garbage will not be collected.

FM&D

Although some individuals have already purchased blue recyclables containers, FM&D will have to provide additional containers. Generally 1 per room—the size dependent on how many people are in that room and what activities take place in that room. Containers for recyclables should also be placed by all mailboxes, in some common hallways, in lecture halls and classrooms. If possible they should be blue—just like for the city.

There is absolutely no change in the level of work required. However, the janitorial staff will have to be trained to place waste materials in the proper receptacle. When asked, the staff will have to answer recycling inquiries correctly.

Downstate

Faculty students and staff will have to be informed of the change in protocol for disposing waste. This can most easily be done at the distribution of recycling containers. The change should also be announced through various e-mail delivery systems.

Based on the number of comments and questions about recycling at Downstate, I expect compliance by faculty and staff to be nearly complete quickly after implementation.