

Introducing the mini desk bin: UWS Green Office Program

DID YOU KNOW ...

Waste audits in offices indicate that up to 80% of the waste produced is recyclable!

As part of the ongoing commitment UWS has towards sustainability and its role in environmental management the 'Green Office Program' will enable all UWS staff to make a tangible difference in an area that accounts for a large percentage of energy and resource use within the university.

The Environment and Risk Unit are pleased to introduce the new mini-desk bin system for offices. The mini desk bin will sit on your desk replacing the redundant and old fashioned under-desk bins.

There will also be new co-mingled recycling bins in lunch rooms and common areas. With the removal of individual waste bins it is easier to recycle as the temptation to throw your recyclables away is removed.

HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS:

Staff are asked to take responsibility for their mini bin and empty it daily into the general waste bins in the either their lunch rooms or common rooms.

The new co-mingled recycling bins and general waste bins will be emptied as usual by the cleaners.

The new system aims to:

- Increase recycling and reduce waste going to landfill
- Increase individual responsibility for waste created
- Reduce plastic bag liners going to landfill and cleaning time on rubbish removal

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED IN THE NEW CO-MINGLED BINS:

- glass bottles and jars (all colours);
- plastic items (with plastic codes 1 to 6)
- aluminum cans
- milk and juice cartons (please remove lids)
- steel cans

Paper products can either go in the VISY boxes and bins or small amounts in the new bins.

Visit the Green Office Program website for more info

