

MINI-BIN BIG CHANGE



Empowering | Encouraging | Educating



Zero-Waste at UCI

UCI's goal of Zero-Waste means having a recycling and compost diversion rate of **95% or better**, while keeping landfill diversions rates of **5% or lower**. By repurposing waste, we are reducing consumption of raw natural materials. This means more natural habitats are being saved!

What to place in each bin:



RECYCLE BIN:

- Paper
- Glass
- Plastic
- Metal

** Place items in recycle bin if clean and dry*

MINI-BIN:

- Wrappers
- Plastic Utensils
- Styrofoam
- Food

** All food scraps and food soiled napkins are welcome in the compost bin!*



Introducing "Mini-Bin Big Change"

Mini-bin Big Change is a new exciting program that will be piloted in UCI's Facilities Management and Environmental Health and Safety. This program aims to empower, encourage, and educate individuals on recycling and sustainability throughout offices in UCI. The Mini-bin Big Change program will also provide useful information and easy tips to encourage water and energy conservation throughout offices.

New Mini-Bins

One way we can all greatly contribute to a cleaner environment is by practicing proper methods of waste disposal. Our new mini-bins attach directly to the side of your blue recycling bin to make waste disposal easy. Mini-bins are conveniently sized to divert recyclables such as paper and cardboard, into your recycle bin and out of your landfill bin.

A MINI contribution to a sustainable way of life can lead to a BIG change. Make sure to watch our new "Mini-Bin Big Change" video and all our other fun videos on recycling and composting. Check it out!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNOorKbp_Qs



“FOAM-RUB-RINSE”

CONSERVE WATER: UCI facilities provide foam soap that dispenses as an instant lather without the need of additional water. By using foam soap, you can save up to 150 gallons of water per year!



1. Dispense foam onto hands



2. Lather and rub hands together without turning on water faucet



3. Turn on water faucet and rinse hands



4. Dry your hands and remember to only take what you need

Office Sustainability Tips

Try to implement as many sustainable tips as you can everyday!

RE-USE

- Choose products that are **durable** and **long-lasting**
- Use a **reusable lunch box/bag** instead of paper or plastic bags
- Use **reusable plates, cups,** and **utensils** for your lunch
- Use a **coffee mug, thermos ,** or **reusable water bottle** for your beverages

REDUCE

- Print **double-sided**
- Reduce paper consumption by viewing **electronic documents**
- Choose **rechargeable products/batteries** instead of disposable ones
- Choose products with **little** or **no packaging**

ENERGY

- **Bike, carpool,** or take the **bus** whenever possible
- Use a **power strip** and switch **off** when not in use
- Turn **off** your **lights** when you are away from your office
- Place items in the **blue recycling bin.** Recycling 1 glass container = enough energy to power a 100-watt lightbulb for 4 hours!

WATER

- Use **foam soap** instead of liquid soap to wash your hands
- Use **recycled paper,** 1 ton of recycled paper = 7,000 gal of water/yr

Purify Your Office Air

Plants can potentially filter common volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the air. Here's a list of common indoor plants you can introduce to your office that are easy to maintain: **Aloe, Cacti, Spider Plant, Snake Plant, Peace Lily, Pothos, English Ivy, Jade Plant** and a **variety of Succulents**