



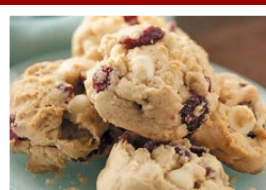
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SEAC Hosts Second Annual "America Recycles Day"

On Thursday, November 15th, the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) held their second annual "America Recycles Day" event in McPhail's. The purpose of the event was to spread awareness about recycling in general, and to educate the campus community about new recycling policies and procedures here at Providence College, as well as the State of Rhode Island.

While educational, the event was also fun, with fresh and local food served, live performances by student bands, crafts such as making beads from recycled magazines, and a ball-toss trivia game.

The ball-toss trivia game was one of the more popular tables at the event. At this table, students had to toss a ping pong ball into a reusable mug and if successful they were asked a trivia question about recycling.

The game was both fun and educational, as many students seemed unaware of the new recycling policies here on campus. The new "single stream" system allows for the co-mingling of "mixed paper" and "bottles and cans" in one tote, which is labeled "mixed recyclables". Those who were used to the old way of separating the two were still doing so. They were both surprised and pleased to learn about these new procedures!

Additionally, there was a representative from the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation on hand to answer questions about recycling in Rhode Island in general. One question that came up involved proper procedures



for recycling Styrofoam cups. Styrofoam is NOT recycled at the Johnston recovery site, and therefore, is not recycled on campus. (Note: we have found a place that can reuse packing peanuts, but Styrofoam coffee cups, such as those utilized by Dunkin Donuts, must be thrown in the trash. For more information on this, please see Page 2).

Seeing that the goal of "America Recycles Day" is to educate and inspire people to "reduce, reuse, and recycle", it seems the event was a success! We look forward to seeing you all there next year.





Campus Connections

Give Back This Holiday Season

- Donate warm clothes to shelters and charities. Many families need help staying warm during the holiday season.
- Volunteer at local soup kitchens. Shelters will be overwhelmed with people during cold winter months, and can use your help.
- Take a tag off the tree! Many organizations, schools, offices, or companies get involved with Giving Trees. Take an item and help someone have a Merry Christmas!
- Give gifts that get to the real meaning of Christmas, such as making a donation in someone's name for a charity close to their heart.
- Each year studies show that blood donations dwindle during the holiday season. Don't forget that people are always in need of help! Take the time to give back!

Contact Us!

Call:
(401)-865-1881

Email:
recycle@providence.edu

Website:
www.providence.edu/recycling

Students Host “Think Outside the Bottle” Event

Bottled Water Awareness Night Promotes Campus Changes

On November 27, 2012, Providence College students Annie Russian, Emily Kennedy, Andrew Iarocci, Brandon Hamel, and Nikki Phillips hosted a bottled water awareness night entitled, "Think Outside the Bottle!" as part of a project for a global activism class. The event was part of a larger student initiative to raise awareness about the difference between bottled water and tap water (there is none!), the costs and profits associated with the bottled water industry, and the unbelievable amount of waste generated by empty water bottles.

At the event, students held a “bottled water vs. tap water” taste test, to prove that the quality of bottled water is not actually better than tap. In fact, the city of Providence has some of the best tap water in the country! Also, a display of dozens of empty

water bottles taken from a single day in one Meagher Hall trash room, highlighted just how much waste is created. The students also showed the documentary “Tapped”, raffled off reusable PC water bottles, and asked fellow students to sign a petition to help stop bottled water sales on cam-

pus.

One way to help put off the purchase of bottled water is to use refillable water bottles. This will soon be easier to do on campus, as approximately 20 new “hydration stations” (top center) will soon be installed in buildings across campus. These stations not only provide students with areas to refill water bottles, but also track the number of bottles that are saved from landfills as a result (pictured bottom center). A campus map highlighting the locations of the new hydration stations is available using [this link](#).

The bottom line is, these students saw what they believe is a problem, and took action. The facts are, there is no difference between bottled water and tap water;

buying bottled water is a huge waste of money; empty bottles create an unnecessary amount of waste; and using a refilla-

ble water bottle at one of the new “hydration stations” is an easy way to help solve this problem. So if you concerned about waste and the environment (as we are), please consider a refillable water bottle the next time you look to purchase bottled water on campus.



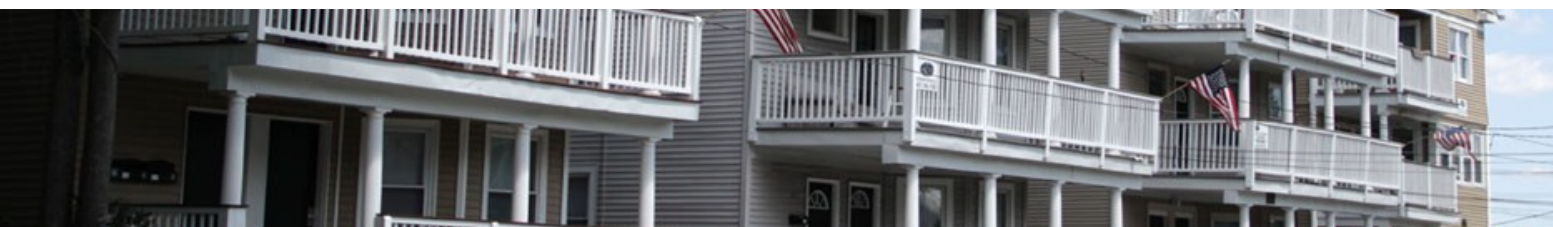
Dunkin' Donuts Cups NOT Recyclable

Johnston Landfill Does Not Recycle Styrofoam

There is justifiable confusion around campus as to whether or not Dunkin' Donuts Styrofoam cups are recyclable. After all, there is a number "6" within a recycle triangle on the bottom of the cup. We contacted a representative of the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation (the folks who run the Johnston Landfill), and

here's what we found out. #6 polystyrene plastics (a.k.a. "Styrofoam") are NOT recycled at the Johnston landfill. Apparently, it causes problems with the machinery, and it is not cost effective enough to separate and recycle. Because of this, unfortunately, Dunkin' Donuts Styrofoam cups must be thrown in the trash

and NOT in with the recyclables. And if you are concerned about the environment (as we are), please consider bringing your own reusable coffee mug when you purchase at Dunkin' Donuts!



Recycling for Off-Campus Students

Students who live off-campus should be aware of and cooperate with the City of Providence regarding the new implementation of collection procedures for trash and recyclable materials. Starting in October, Providence households got a new, smaller gray barrel for all of your trash. Use your Big Green Can for all of your recycling, instead of your small blue and green bins. Below are some frequently asked questions to help you understand the process.

Frequently Asked Questions:

When will I get my new gray barrel?

Citywide distribution of new gray trash barrels will begin neighborhood by neighborhood on October 1 and continue through the end of the year.

When does my large green tote become my recycling bin?

As soon as you receive your new gray trash barrel, your large green tote becomes your recycling bin.

Will I still be able to bring my current bins to the curb?

No. Waste Management is transitioning to an automated pick up system and will not collect recycling in the green and blue totes you currently use.

Do I have to return my blue and green recycling bins?

Keep your old blue and green totes for storage around your house or check out the website for collection days and locations to return them.

Do I need to sort my recycling?

No. Earlier this year, the State of Rhode Island announced new procedures that allow residents to combine paper, plastic, glass, tin and all other recycling. Less sorting means recycling is easier than ever.

Will my trash be picked up if I don't put recycling out?

The City will maintain the "No Bin, No Barrel" policy. If you do not put out recycling, you run the risk of not having your trash collected.

"The Recycle Bin"

A place for the Campus Community to "recycle" and share thoughts, ideas, and suggestions for all things "green"!



Christmas "Tree~via"!

- This year, more than 60 million new seedlings were planted by Christmas tree farmers all over North America.
- One acre of Christmas trees on a farm will produce enough oxygen to support 18 people and remove up to 13 tons of air-borne pollutants per year.
- When it comes to recycling, real trees are much better than artificial trees. Real trees can be recycled, and by recycling them, nutrients are added back into the earth. Artificial trees, on the other hand, can be reused, but cannot be recycled and end up in landfills.
- Today, approximately 98 percent of real Christmas trees are grown on farms throughout all 50 states and Canada.
- Real trees are a renewable, recyclable resource, and real trees are planted to be harvested just as corn and pumpkins are cultivated for a harvest.
- For every tree harvested at a tree farm, another 10 are planted to ensure a crop every year.
- Young trees in their rapid growth years have a high rate of photosynthesis and thus produce more oxygen than older trees.



Recipe of the Month

Try leaving Santa these this year and you certainly won't get coal!

White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies



Ingredients:

- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup white baking chips

Nutrition Facts:

- 1 cookie equals:
- 113 calories
 - 4 g fat
 - 2 g saturated fat
 - 16 mg cholesterol
 - 109 mg sodium
 - 18 g carbohydrate
 - 1 g protein

Directions: In a large bowl, beat butter and sugars until crumbly, about 2 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, salt and baking soda; gradually add to butter mixture and mix well. Stir in cranberries and chips.

Drop by heaping tablespoonfuls 2 in. apart onto baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool for 1 minute before removing to wire racks. Yield: 2 dozen.



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