

The Campus Green

Welcome Back!



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Recycling Statistics

Mixed Paper

2007: 61 tons

2008: 72 tons

2009: 92 tons



Bottles/Cans

2007: 45 tons

2008: 51 tons

2009: 42 tons



Cardboard

2007: 49 tons

2008: 57 tons

2009: 43 tons



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Check out our new and improved [Providence Recycling Program webpage!](#)

Recycling Program stays busy through the summer...

Recycling Mattresses

This Summer Providence College removed approx. 100 old mattresses from different dorms and residence halls. Instead of putting these mattresses in the landfill, each one was recycled by Conigliaro Industries. Not only will this decision make a positive impact on the environment, but has proven to be more cost efficient.



Donating Chairs

Rather than throw them away, Providence College donated over 80 old tablet desk chairs that were formally used in the Feinstein Center, and 84 chairs from the basement of the Library to a needy school in Guatemala. On August 4th the "Hope Of Life Ministries" came to collect the chairs on behalf of the school, where underprivileged children will have the opportunity to use them. This donation removes a huge burden on the orphanage who is dependent on donations for operating expenses.

Top: Chairs being loaded from Feinstein

Bottom: Chairs being loaded from the Library

New Outdoor Recycling Bins

In an effort to help improve and make recycling easier on campus, the EHS office put in place six new outdoor recycling bins. There locations are...

1. By the entrance of the turf field.
2. In front of glass doors at the Slavin Center
3. Entrance to Smith Center
4. Upper Quad (by Aquinas entrance)
5. The stairs next to Moore, leading to Raymond
6. By Huxley road street light crosswalk (Davis side)

[Click here to view all locations at the PC recycling web page.](#)





WHY RECYCLE?...

- Every month Americans throw out enough recyclable glass bottles to fill a skyscraper.
- Recycling 1 million cell phones saves enough energy to power over 1,940 U.S. households with electricity for one year.
- Over 80% of items in landfills can be recycled, but they're not.
- Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures a year! Ever heard of the **Great Pacific Garbage Patch**? It's twice the size of Texas and is floating somewhere between San Francisco and Hawaii. It's also 80 percent plastic, and weighs in at 3.5 million tons.
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, two barrels of oil (enough to run the average car for 1,260 miles), 4,100 kilowatts of energy (enough power for the average home for six months), 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of pollution.
- Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour.

Be aware of your environment and what you waste. Help out by changing bad habits and start by recycling!



Living Green...

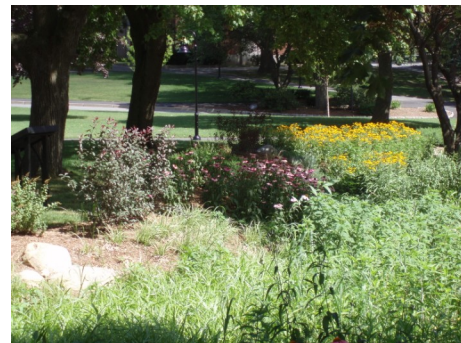
Tips on how recycle and conserve in your own dorm



1. **Refrigerators:** these will use up a lot of energy on their own, but if you choose to have one check to make sure it is always closed tight so you won't let any cool air out, and waste energy. Also, purchase energy star products that conserve more.
2. **Water Bottles:** students buy copious amounts of water bottles every week but the reality is that tap water is more rigorously tested than bottled. In a year, **Americans can spend over 17 million barrels worth of oil to produce bottled water!** Buy a BRITA and a reusable bottle so you can fill it and take anywhere.
3. **Reuse, Reduce, Recycle:** If you have friends that graduated, or aren't using things you may need for college, buy or reuse their products such as printers, desk chairs, T.V.'s, toasters, microwaves etc. instead of buying new.
4. **Utensils:** buying paper plates and plastic cutlery all the time becomes wasteful. Instead, buy a few sets of bowls, plates, and utensils that you can have, wash and use again.
5. **Lights & Power:** Turning your desk and overhead lights off when you leave saves a lot of energy. Power strips use energy even when they are simply plugged in, so unplug strips to turn off lights and electronics.
6. **Recycling Containers:** make it easy to recycle in your room by getting separate bins for your trash, bottles and cans, and paper products. With proper bins you won't be tempted to throw out your recyclables when full. Empty bins by putting the contents in the proper recycling or trash tote located in your building/dorm room.



Bio Swale Blooming in the Summer





Visit the Farmers Market!

For those of you in the RI area for the summer visit the local farmers market to purchase your fruits, veggies, dairy, meats, spreads, drinks, flowers, herbs, grains and more. Many of these continue all the way until the end of October so you'll still be able to visit them in the school year...

Brown University: at Brown University. Farmers Market opens Saturday September 8th- October 27th 2010; Wednesdays from 11:00-2:00p.m

Providence Downtown: by Kennedy Plaza and Burnside Park (Kennedy Plaza and Exchange Terrace)

Opens June 4th-October 29th; Friday's 11:00-2:00p.m

Providence Armory: Cranston Armory Parade St And Hudson St Farmers. Market opens Thursday June 3rd- October 28th; Thursday's 3:00-7:00p.m

There are other locations around the area...

[Visit the Providence Farmers Market Site for more information](#)



Farmers Markets in the past have done well...(Top left: Downtown; Top right: Armory; Bottom: Brown University)

This is a fun activity for the summer and fall. Support local farmers as you enjoy fresh and healthy food.

Student Move Out Spring 2010

After students left campus in the Spring 2010, it was clear that PC had yet another successful Student Move Out program. Students from all dorms left their extra food, and gently used clothing to benefit those less fortunate in the Rhode Island community. Clothes went to the [St. Vincent de Paul Society](#), and food was donated to the [Rhode Island Food Bank](#) who stated that, "by donating rather than dumping their leftover food items, the PC students have provided much-needed food, just prior to the summertime when the Food Bank is met with one of their biggest challenges. We thank you!"



Where to recycle materials on Campus...



Alkaline Batteries:

- Can be dropped off at the *Environmental Health and Safety office* (across from the turf field)
- Mailed into the EHS office via inter-office mail
- Across from the PC Perk Center
- Accino elevator lobby



Printer Cartridges:

- Dropped off at the EHS office
- Inter-office Mail
- Accino elevator lobby



DVS, CD, Floppy Disks, and Cell Phones

- Dropped off at the EHS office
- Inter-Office Mail
- Across from the PC Perk Center
- Accino elevator lobby

