

Recycling on Campus: An informal bin location survey

by Clarkson's ECO (Environmental Conservation Organization)

ECO has come to the depressing conclusion that Clarkson students are very lazy. When it comes to recycling, everything needs to be entirely convenient and well spelled-out for them. Right now, when it is easier for them, students discard paper and bottles in regular trashcans, and (just as bad) they throw regular trash away in recycling bins.

To solve this problem, for every place on campus where there is a trashcan, there should also be a paper-recycling bin and a can/bottle-recycling bin. All of the paper-recycling bins should be labeled blue, and all of the can/bottle bins should be labeled green, for consistency. Also, there should be clear signs on each bin (or above each bin) describing exactly what belongs in each.

Cheel

By the front door and the back door are solitary trashcans. We need recycling there also.

The arena has 15 trashcans and only 5 recycling bins of each type, and all of them are strangely labeled. At the very least, there should be recycling bins by the doors.

Directly in front of the stairs, across from Main Street there is a solitary trashcan.

On the staircase in between floors in front of the large window there are only trashcans. At the very least we need 2 can/bottle recycling bins here.

In front of campus safety there is a solitary trashcan.

In front of the Integrator office there is a solitary trashcan.

Snell

In the atrium on the first, second, and third floor there need to be two paper bins and two can/bottle bins (per floor), at least.

By the lounge on the second and third floor there need to be paper and recycling bins.

The stairwells need recycling bins on each bend.

Computer labs should have paper recycling by printers.

The ERC

The printers need paper recycling by them.

Science Center

Each classroom needs paper bins and can/bottle bins.

The lecture halls need recycling bins next to ALL of the trash bins. Presently, there is a very strange mixture of recycling and trashcans, such that nobody uses anything for its intended purpose. Also, there need to be three sets of signs (at least) in each lecture hall.

The hallways on the first, second and third floor seem to mysteriously change locations of trash and recycling. However, there are numerous places where there is no recycling next to trashcans.

Computer labs should have paper recycling by printers.

The third floor by the glass bridge needs a recycling sign.

The stairwell outside of COSI needs a recycling sign.

Concrete cafe needs a recycling sign.

CAMP

The Atrium needs 4 can/bottle and paper bins, including in front of the lecture halls.

The lecture halls need signs explaining how to use the bins.

2nd Floor, above entrance facing Cheel needs recycling bins.

By the door leading to the roof there need to be recycling bins.

Rowley Labs

There are no trash OR recycling bins visible in this building. It is very spooky.

Moore

The lounge needs paper recycling.

Graham Hall

First floor needs paper and bottle/can bins.

Second floor needs at least 2 paper and 2 bottle/can bins.

Outdoors

By the entrances to Cheel, Snell, the ERC, the Science Center, CAMP, and Rowley, there are outdoor trashcans, but no recycling. We are not sure how this would be accomplished, but it would be excellent.

Also, in front of dumpsters (ie the dumpsters in front of Price, Graham, the Quad, the Pit, etc...), there should be signs posted explaining what belongs in each dumpster.