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Larry Cook is Recycling Coordinator in the Facilities Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC, a position he has held since 2012. Prior to his current position, Larry was Executive Director of the North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy in Chattanooga, TN where he worked on a wide variety of conservation projects including backcountry and greenway trail development, water quality restoration, land conservation, and invasive species abatement. At South Carolina, he has spearheaded many new initiatives to standardize collection across campus, improve educational programming, expand access to recycling, and foster collaboration between University units, especially Athletics. Larry and his wife Amber live in Columbia and are the proud parents of 9-month old baby Gibbs.

Larry began a 3-year term on the CURC Board of Directors in June 2015.



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Promoting Recycling & Reuse During Office Clean-outs and Moves at the University of South Carolina

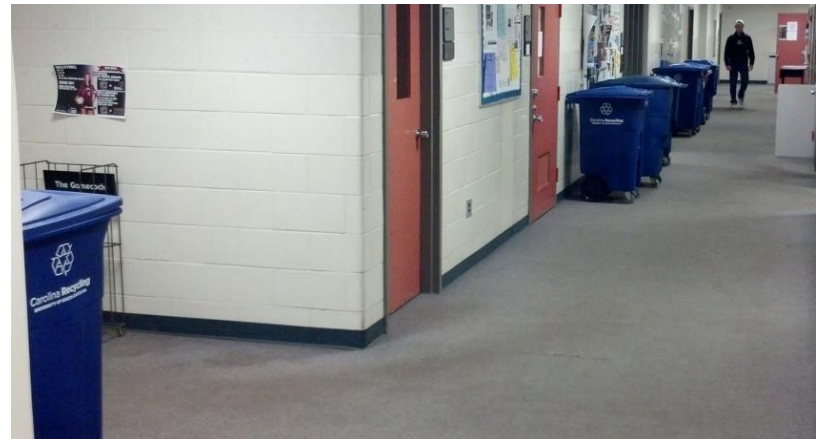
Campus Statistics:

- 30,867 Students
- 6,362 Faculty/Staff
- 400 acre urban campus
- ~200 buildings



Identifying the shortcomings of the existing program:

- Status quo: provide mixed paper recycling bins upon request
- Winter 2013: 55,000 ft² building vacated
- Failure of current program:
 - Filled and removed 50 64-gallon Roll Carts of mixed paper and 8 containers of hardcover books after the building was considered cleared.



Real Test 8-story 408,000 ft² Business School:

- Began program early – 6-months prior to move.
- Customized information sheet
- Capacity!
- Results: filled 600 roll carts and removed 60 tons of paper, but...



YOU'RE MOVING!

Now is the time to get started on cleaning out the items in your office that you don't want to move to the new **Darla Moore School of Business**. Many of the items you choose to discard are probably recyclable, especially the paper. We aren't picky about the kinds of paper we can recycle—if it tears, we'll recycle it. There is no need to remove rubber bands, paper clips, staples, envelope windows, or the metal hangers on file folders. **Please do not include:** plastic sheet protectors, transparencies, 3-ring binders, food & food wrappers, slides, and cardboard boxes. **Cardboard boxes should be removed to the blue trailer in the lower level of the parking garage.**

We will be providing additional temporary paper recycling bins beginning on Monday, December 9, 2013 to handle the extra volume. These roll carts will be emptied once per week on Wednesday morning. During the week, it is acceptable to transfer carts between floors and roll the carts into your office to fill them, but please make sure they are back in the hallway Tuesday evening to be emptied.

A couple of things to remember...

- We can recycle hard cover books, but they must be kept separate from the rest of the mixed paper stream. There will be a designated location to take hardback books for recycling.
- We do not have the capability to provide shredding service for confidential documents. Shredded paper can go in the mixed paper bins. If possible, empty the bag of shredded paper directly into the bin to keep plastic out of the recycling stream.
- Many items besides paper are recyclable. Please contact campus Recycling Coordinator, Larry Cook at lcook@fmc.sc.edu or 777-2223 for information on recycling batteries, electronics & computers, scrap metal or other items.



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You can recycle...

Office paper (any color),
Post-it Notes, Newspaper,
Magazines, Journals,
Phone books, Soft-cover
Books, Brochures,
Envelopes (even
windowed), Manila
Folders, Hanging
File Folders,
Wrapping Paper,
Paperboard
Boxes, Receipts,
Shredded Paper,
Index Cards,
etc.



Problems remained with the program:



Did a hurricane hit?



That's not trash!



Brand-new paper in the bins



Non-paper in the bins



Problems remained with the program:

The stuff left behind!



-And the frequency of campus cleanouts in general



Back to the drawing board:

Realized, Moving is Stressful



People are lazy



EUREKA!!
The ZERO WASTE Bin



ZERO WASTE BIN

INCLUDE ITEMS FOR REUSE:

- Office Supplies:** 3-ring binders, paper clips, staples, folders, paper, envelopes, etc.
- Household items:** vases, mugs, baskets, clothing, etc.
- Technology:** electronic media (CDs, DVDs, VHS, floppy disks, cassettes, etc.), wires and cables, small electronic devices, batteries, ink & toner cartridges, etc.
- Anything else with use left in it!**

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Eliminates the decision... and the Guilt

- Reduces contamination in mixed paper
- Simple
- Helps to share the load

That's not trash!

Place unwanted reusable items in a Zero Waste Bin

As you clean your office preparing for your move, you're bound to find many items that could be reused or recycled, but don't fit into the categories of mixed paper or aluminum and plastic containers. This may include: **Office Supplies:** 3-ring binders, paper clips, staples, folders, paper, envelopes, etc.; **Household items:** vases, mugs, baskets, clothing, etc.; or **Technology:** electronic media (CDs, DVDs, VHS, floppy disks, cassettes, etc.), wires and cables, small electronic devices, ink & toner cartridges, batteries, etc.

Place these items in the Zero Waste bins and we will sort them for recycling or reuse.

Contact campus Recycling Coordinator, Larry Cook at lcook@fmc.sc.edu or 777-2223 for information or if you have any questions regarding reuse and recycling on campus.



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You can include:

Office Supplies,

Technology,

Household items,

anything else with use left in it!



What do we get... Everything



Dishes



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Stuffed animals
Desk organizers

Binders



Ink/Toner



How do we deal with it:

- Have to have some space
- Use cheap labor to sort it (students, temps, etc.)
- Reuse on campus: office supplies, etc.
- Existing events: Gamecocks Freecycle, Give it Up for Good Yardsale, donate to Goodwill
- Recycle recyclables
- And, there is still some trash





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