





Recycling & Waste Reduction in Campus Housing (CURC/KAB Webinar Series)



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FUN FACTS ABOUT KSC

\*Keene, New Hampshire

\*Part of the University System of New Hampshire

\*AASHE STARS Silver Rating

One of the most expensive public college systems; yet NH receives the lowest state appropriations



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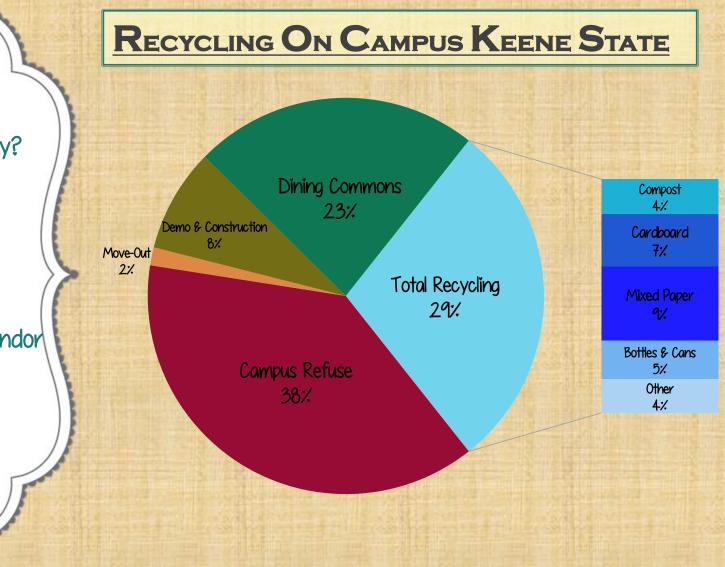
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\* Developed in the 70s

\* Physical Plant... Sustainability?

Collections
ROCKS: In-house
Grounds: In-house
Housekeeping: Vendor
Waste Management: Vendor

Staffing
1 FT Benefitted Staff
20 Students (\$4.5K)
1 Truck



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#### **INSIDE THE ROOMS**

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#### THE BIG BLUE BAG



Students Confused About Purpose of Blue Bags

\* Not on RLO Inventory

\* Too Much Text!

**\*** "Float" Across Campus

Messaging Lost Between ROCKS and Res Life (dispersal)



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HOW THEY WORK Scollect in May \* Wash over the Summer \* Distribute in August \* Try to Partner with Res Life \* Building Specific Postcards

\* Dorm Storms





#### BLUE BAG LABELS

room by the elevator NEED MORE BLUE BAGS? recycling@keene.edu facebook.com/ROCKSRecycling



50 green sheds in the parking lot NEED MORE BLUE BAGS? recycling@keene.edu facebook.com/ROCKSRecycling



#### **INFO FOR RAS & RDS**

Hello RA! I have been working with Casey to ensure that you have all of the resources you need to encourage your first year residents to recycle. This packet contains a few items, explained below.

**1. "BLUE BAG BLURB**" → Please read this blurb at your first floor meeting and again when you meet with your smaller groups during the first week.

2. BLUE RECYCLING BAGS → You are an RA in charge of a certain number of rooms or suites. You have enough blue bags to give every room 2 blue bags or every suite 4 blue bags.

#### 2 bags/room 4 bags/suite

Please place these bags inside the rooms during room checks on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>. The locksmiths have asked that the bags not be placed on door handles as it can damage the locking mechanisms. We already put the bags in sets so that you can just hand out one set per room or two sets per suite. These bags should last all year long for your residents, but please stop by the office or put in a work order if any of your residents find they need additional bags for their recycling.

**3. "CARLE RECYCLES"** (or whichever res hall you have) → This paper gives a list of information about recycling in your res hall. It tells you when the bins are serviced, what items are collected and how to get certain bins emptied. It also explains who is responsible for which bins (DTZ services lounge bins while ROCKS services recycling rooms and sheds).



#### **BLUE BAGS?**

Each room is given two "Blue Bags" for their recycling: one bag for paper/cardboard and one bag for bottles/cans. Please let your RD know or stop by the ROCKS Office if you need additional bags.

#### WHO TAKES OUT THE RECYCLING?

One of the first conversations you need to have with your roommate(s) is who will be responsible for taking out the trash and recycling. Make a schedule, swap weeks or do a chore wheel!

#### WHERE DO I TAKE THE RECYCLING?

Fiske waste stations are located on the corner between Huntress and the TDS building. Recycling goes in the green sheds and trash goes in the toters. Please sort your materials into the correct bins!

#### WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

 $\checkmark$  Bottles, cans, paper and cardboard in the recycling sheds  $\checkmark$  Batteries, ink cartridges and textiles in the laundry room



- □ We separate our recycling at Keene State Bottles and cans go in one bin and paper goes in a separate bin. Cardboard boxes get flattened and placed next to the recycling bins.
- □ Food and liquids should be discarded before placing items in the recycling bins
- □ ROCKS is a group of Keene State College student employees who pick-up campus recycling. as a work study or on campus job.
- Ask us how to recycle: electronics, mini-fridges, cell phones, school supplies, clothes, light bulbs, lamps, books, radios and MUCH MORE!

CONTACT ROCKS recycling@keene.edu 603.358.2567 fb.com/ROCKSRecycling

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#### **INTERNAL COLLECTION**

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#### TRIAL AND ERROR

#### BAGS VS BINS

#### CAGES IN HOLLOWAY







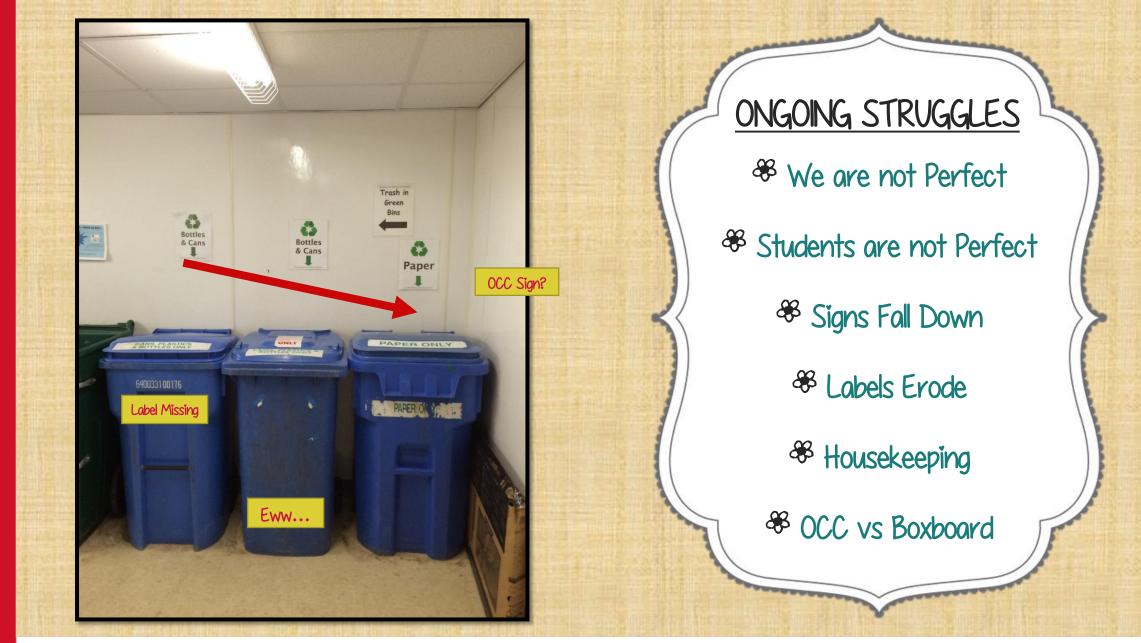
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#### **CREATIVE SOLUTIONS**





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#### HELP ARRIVES

Residential Life steps in

Seco-Reps focus on outreach

ROCKS staff update regularly

Conversations with housekeeping

Make it a priority in the building





INTERNAL COLLECTION TOOL BOX Re-structure how bins are organized in available space(s) Schange from large toters to restrictive openings and barrels \* Offer the same or similar set-ups for all internal collection sites \* Appropriately size containers Supprove consistency in signage and labels at each location Swash and maintain containers (including emptying completely every time!)



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### **EXTERNAL COLLECTION**

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#### **EXTERNAL COLLECTION**



OUTDOOR RECYCLING STATIONS St Common on Campus \* Weather (decay & accessibility) \* Illegal Dumping Scraffiti & Destruction (Pumpkin Fest) \* Design Flaws Expensive/Require Space \* "Far Away"



### **UPDATING CONTAINERS**

#### Outdated & Ineffective





#### Updated & Streamlined

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#### THINGS TO CONSIDER

& Labels - How Attach?

\* Pros & Cons of Servicing

Sufficient

Little Opportunity for Outreach & Education



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#### **MOVE-IN OPERATIONS**

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### **MOVE-IN CARDBOARD**

#### Large Dumpsters...



... And Dumpster Monitors



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# **DUMPSTER MONITORS**

#### IMPACTS OF MONITORS

Sucreased Visibility with Parents & Students

**Reduce** Contamination in Cardboard

\* Teaching Opportunity!

Engage Student Staff Right Away



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# **MOVE-IN SALE**



🏶 New Student Move-In Day

Engages New Students & Families in a Different Way

Reinforces Sustainability Initiatives & Focus on Campus

& Less than \$25/Family

Supports Scholarship Fund

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#### **MOVE-OUT OPERATIONS**

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# **MOVE-OUT GREEN BOX PROJECT** 38 Donation Sites 190 Green Boxes



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# **MOVE-OUT GREEN BOX PROJECT**



6 Months of Planning, 2 Weeks of Collection, 4 Tractor Trailers for Storage, 12 Employees, 2 Sales and 100's of Happy KSC Students!



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CONCLUSION

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# HELPFUL HINTS

THINGS I HAVE LEARNED <sup>88</sup> Find Champions Across Campus Sincorporate Student Employees & Clubs \* Think Creatively Set Policy & Establish Standards \* Do Not Give Up! \* Progress Not Perfection

(you have a new class every year with which to experiment!)

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#### **QUESTIONS?**





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