CSUDH is going zero waste! Here’s what you need to know:

In an effort to help CSUDH meet its 90% waste reduction goal by 2025 and stay in compliance with current AB/SB regulations, Facilities Services has installed new, three-stream zero waste stations throughout campus. These new interior and exterior bins help to divert campus waste from the landfill by also providing mixed recycling and compost stream options as required by state law. Cardboard only stations are also located in various designated pick-up locations.

Image-focused signage, floor decals, and color-coded streams will now make it easy to correctly sort your waste in any of the new zero waste stations:

As part of the zero waste program implementation, please note the following changes:

- Individual campus trash bins, including in classrooms, offices, and shared study areas, have been removed and replaced with centrally located, hallway zero waste stations. Students, staff, and faculty are encouraged to take all waste items to these central bins.
- Deskside bins in private/individual offices are no longer being provided or serviced by Custodial. Please correctly sort your waste items into a centrally located zero waste station in your nearest hallway or outside before entering/as you exit the building.
- With the exception of a number of designated locations, dedicated recycling pick-ups provided by the previous Recycling Coordinator are no longer available. All waste must be taken to a centrally located zero waste station inside or outside your building OR For special events and office move-outs, you may request delivery to your office of a larger set of bins through Work Control at (310) 243-3587 or by placing an online work order.

To learn more about the zero waste program and our other campus recycling programs, visit www.csudh.edu/sustainability or see the “Frequently Asked Questions” section below.

For any zero waste-related questions, concerns or training requests, please contact the Zero Waste Coordinator, Lily Ledesma, at lledesma@csudh.edu or (310) 243-2161.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

CSUDH Sustainability understands that these new changes will require time, patience, and cooperation from all on campus in order to be successful. With your help and support, CSUDH will be on its way to become a zero waste campus and a leader in higher-education sustainability!

Please see below for our list of frequently asked questions to learn more about the new zero waste program. Additional questions can be found at www.csudh.edu/sustainability.

General FAQs

Q: What’s the difference between zero waste and recycling, aren’t they the same thing?
A: Zero waste should not be confused with the act of simply recycling, as its goal is to provide a more in-depth perspective on the ways we can rethink, reduce, and reuse before we recycle or responsibly dispose of waste. Check out the Zero Waste Hierarchy to learn more. As defined by the Zero Waste International Alliance, zero waste is “the conservation of all resources by means of responsible production, consumption, reuse, and recovery of products, packaging, and materials without burning and with no discharges to land, water, or air that threaten the environment or human health.”

Q: Why is CSUDH going zero waste?
A: With a campus population of approximately 18,000 students, staff, and faculty members, CSUDH generates a large carbon footprint on a planet where resources are finite. Landfills and other hazardous waste sites also disproportionately affect communities of color and/or the poor which makes the generation of trash an environmental justice issue. Going zero waste will allow the campus to help divert waste and conserve these resources, while lowering its carbon footprint and meeting its 90% diversion rate by 2025 as outlined in the CSUDH Zero Waste Plan. Effective July 1, 2020, the university must also comply with state recycling and organics collections laws, including AB 2812 and SB 1833/AB 827. Under these two mandates, CSUDH is required to provide dedicated receptables, signage, education, and services for trash, recycling, and organics (compost) streams.

Q: Where can I find the new three-stream Zero Waste Stations?
A: Zero waste stations are strategically located throughout the campus both inside and out at strategic intersections, entranceways/exits, and stairwells to ensure compliance with state AB/SB CalRecycle requirements. Check out the floor plan maps for your building of interest here or the campus grounds and parking lots here.

Q: What items can be disposed of under the new zero waste system and where can I learn more about other campus zero waste programs?

Check the Sustainability website for guidance on what materials go where as well as for information on our other recycling programs on campus including battery and printer cartridge recycling, e-waste, hazardous waste, and clothing donations. Click here for a full list of available programs and for recycling guidance.
**Staff & Faculty FAQs**

**Q: Why isn't my office deskside bin being serviced?**
As part of the zero waste program, deskside bins are no longer being provided or serviced. Please bring your waste items to our brand new centrally located zero waste stations in the hallway or outside instead! You are welcome to bring in personal bin into your office to contain your waste items, but make sure to take all waste to a centrally located zero waste bin.

**Q: Why are deskside bins not provided in my office?**
In an effort to help the campus meet its waste reduction goals and ensure adequate service on waste receptacles servicing the campus, personal/office trash bins will no longer be provided.

**Q: How can I request liners for my personal deskside bin?**
A: To request bag liners for your personal deskside bin, please contact Work Control at (310) 243-3587 or place an [online work order](#).

**Q: How can I request a zero waste station for my office breakroom/suite?**
A: If you/your colleagues generate high volumes of waste materials that accumulate in a shared space, and feel your space has been missed by the official placement set-up, you may make a request for a zero waste station in your location 1 by contacting Work Control at (310) 243-3587 or placing an [online work order](#) to make sure these stations are delivered to you and registered for daily service.

**Q: What happened to the trash bin in my classroom?**
A: Trash bins have been removed from most classrooms and shared study spaces. Staff, faculty, and students are encouraged to take their items to a zero waste station where they can be properly sorted.

**Q: There is no way my waste will fit in the central zero waste stations. What do I do?**
A: When bringing in bulky food packaging items or other items likely to overflow your nearest zero waste station inside the building, we encourage you to empty outside the building into one of these bins wherever possible. For special events and office move-outs, you may request delivery of a larger set of bins to your office through Work Control at (310) 243-3587 or by placing an [online work order](#)

**Q: Who do I call if there is a zero waste station overflowing?**
A: Contact Work Control at (310) 243-3587 or place an [online work order](#) to have a member of our Custodial team service the bin.

**Q: I’m still confused. Who can I talk to more about this?**
A: For any zero waste-related questions, concerns or training requests, please contact the Zero Waste Coordinator, Lily Ledesma, at lledesma@csudh.edu or (310) 243-2161. Zero Waste trainings for department and office spaces are also available upon request.