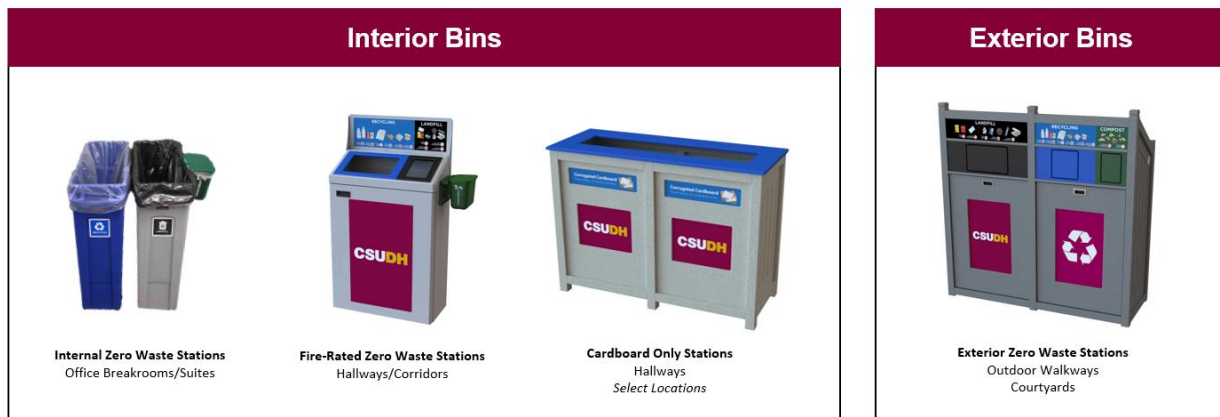


CSUDH is going zero waste! Here's what you need to know:

In an effort to help CSUDH meet its 90% waste reduction goal by 2025 and stay in compliance with current state regulations, Facilities Services has strategically installed new, three-stream zero waste stations throughout campus walkways, courtyards, entranceways/exits, and stairwells. These new interior and exterior bins will help divert campus waste from the landfill by providing *mixed recycling* and *compost* stream options as required by state law.

Universal, image-based 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, large trash bins, including in classrooms, offices, and shared study areas, have been removed and replaced with over 200 centrally located, interior zero waste stations, which are serviced daily by Custodial staff. *Check out the [floor plan maps](#) for your building to locate the interior stations nearest you.*
- Larger zero waste stations can be found outside buildings through campus, which are serviced daily by Grounds staff. *Check out [Google Map](#) to locate the exterior stations nearest you.*
- Deskside bins in private/individual offices are the personal responsibility of the user and are no longer being serviced by Custodial. Staff and faculty are encouraged to discard waste directly into these stations, which are serviced daily, instead of their deskside bins.
- Specialized zero waste carts for office clean-ups/move-out, bulk recycling, and events are available upon request.
- With the exception of a number of approved locations, dedicated recycling pick-ups provided by the previous Recycling Coordinator are no longer available.

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)

We understand 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. 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. 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.

Q: How was the zero waste program implemented on campus?

A: Over the course of the Spring/Fall 2021 semesters, the CSUDH Office of Sustainability hosted zero waste official “launches” for campus buildings which included bin infrastructure installation, facilities staff training, virtual Zoom trainings for all building occupants, and distribution of educational materials and giveaways. Monitoring and adapting the zero waste program in an ever evolving campus will be crucial to ensure that we stay on track to meeting our zero waste goal.

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?

A: 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?

A: As part of the zero waste program, deskside bins are no longer being provided or serviced. For all employees who choose to utilize them, it will be their personal responsibility to keep them clean and empty at their nearest zero waste station. Per the conditions of an MOU agreement with CSUEU, all tasks related to the personal bins, including emptying, supplying any liners, cleaning, and otherwise maintaining them, are the user's sole responsibility. Employees should not be directed to service anyone else's personal bin.

Q: How can I request an office deskside bin? How can I request bin liners?

A: Facilities Services can provide personal waste bins upon request via the Campus Work Control [online form](#) to CSUEU represented employees. Because deskside bins are now the user's responsibility, liners will no longer be provided and must be purchased separately.

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: 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, or feel that your space has been missed by the official placement set-up, you may make a request for a zero waste station in your location 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. NOTE: To ensure efficient and timely processing of your WO, please include as many details as possible when submitting your requesting.

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 or office move-outs/clean-ups, 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 or Grounds 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.

For additional resources and tips for adopting a zero waste lifestyle, visit:

<https://www.csudh.edu/sustainability/campus-initiatives/waste-management/>