

# Recycling center takes less, won't sort

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Reduce, reuse, recycle and sort. The Truman Recycling Center has made changes to its drop-off, plastics and electronics policies that will become effective March 1. Residents and students who choose to drop off recyclables at the Recycling Center now must sort their items, instead of simply dropping off a bag of co-mingled goods. "It has become almost more than we can do," said Howard Worcester, Truman recycling/surplus property coordinator. "We decided [that] to keep the program going, we almost had to do something different, so we decided to go to a self-sorting program."

As with most areas of the University, budgets are critical right now. Requiring drop-off customers to sort their own recycling will relieve some budget concerns, Worcester said.

"It is going to free up some of our student labor, and possibly next semester, we won't have to hire so many kids," he said. "Our budget right now is limited, so that's what we are doing it for."

The Recycling Center will continue sorting recyclables gathered from on-campus buildings because many different bins in each building would cause a space issue.

The Recycling Center also will no longer accept any plastics labeled number one or number two. Worcester said the only plastic containers the center now will accept are milk jugs, water bottles, soda bottles, juice bottles and soap bottles. This list does not include yogurt, butter and cottage cheese containers because there currently is no market for them, he said.

"The people that we sell to will only take certain items right now, so we are kind of limited," Worcester said. "Everything else we have to throw away."

Another change to Recycling Center policy regards electronics. The Recycling Center now is accepting products such as televisions, computers and printers, but cannot accept microwaves.

"We've always known there is a big need in the Kirksville community for electronics drop-off," he said. "And we just didn't have a market for [electronics]. Every place we

had checked wanted to charge \$20 or so for each item."

Worcester said the Recycling Center has found someone willing to take electronic goods free of charge. The Recycling Center is not benefiting from the electronics drop-off, it is more of a service to students and the community, he said.

Sophomore Erika Halsey, a member of ECO, said she knows the benefits of recycling. Halsey said ECO sometimes sends volunteers to the Recycling Center. As for the policy changes, Halsey said most people probably already sort recyclables in their homes.

"I think residents that are already taking their recycling to Truman Recycling Center are conscientious enough to be doing that and that it won't affect them bringing it there if they have to sort it," Halsey said. "Sorting it isn't that big of a deal."

Another recycling center about an hour north of Kirksville also is making policy changes. The Ottumwa/Wapello County Recycling Center now is charging for oil filter drop-off beginning July 1 and also will begin charging for appliance drop-off. Drop-off for regular oil



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Recycling coordinator Howard Worcester organizes recyclable materials early this week. The center now accepts electronic equipment.

filters is 25 cents, and the large size costs \$1. People recycling household appliances will be charged \$5 for each item.

Janice Bain, recycling coordinator for the Ottumwa/Wapello County Recycling Center, has worked at the recycling center since it opened

17 years ago. Bain said she has seen the prices at which recycling centers are able to sell recyclable goods, rise and fall many times.

"[Recycling prices] are down, but unless the economy completely goes off the deep end, I am sure it will turn around," Bain said.

# Advisers move out of the dorms, into Kirk

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First-year students will have to walk farther to meet with their academic adviser next semester.

Academic advisers' offices are moving out of the residence halls and into Kirk Building.

Associate Provost Marty Eisenberg said ideas for the placement of academic advisers on campus have been revised several times before coming up with the new plan of centralizing.

"The original conception was that there would be academic advisers in every building," Eisenberg said. "One of the challenges in that was that advising centers began to get very small, and you needed a reception area for each one."

Eisenberg said that including staff offices in each building took away bed space, and didn't

allow academic advisers to communicate well with each other to provide students with the best information. He said it also was frustrating for students with academic concerns who were unable to meet with their academic advisers because the advisers were sick or otherwise indisposed. Eisenberg said these problems needed to be resolved.

"At that point, we explored some other ways of going and made the decision to try and centralize the advisers [for first year students]," Eisenberg said.

Eisenberg said that although he realizes this plan might not appeal to students, centralizing academic advisers will create a better atmosphere for students and advisers to communicate.

"There are pluses and minuses," Eisenberg said. "There's some informality that allows casual contact, but sometimes it makes the line a little unclear of

when certain things should happen. ... We actually think that [by centralizing] we can provide better service to students."

One of the improvements is the ability for students to meet with an academic adviser even if their own is not available. Eisenberg said centralizing will mean academic advice is always available.

"Generally we try to have people see the academic adviser they are assigned to in order to build that relationship," Eisenberg said. "But if for some reason they are

in a crisis and they need to see somebody, they can come by, and someone will talk to them."

The Advising Center will be located where media services used to be.

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Academic Adviser

Academic adviser Ted Frushour said the idea to house all academic advisers in one location is the most logical plan.

"For the past couple of years

it seems like we've really been on the move," Frushour said. "So rather than have us shuffle [around], we're all just going to convert to Kirk Building."

Frushour said that although he wishes academic advisers could remain in the residence halls, a central location has some advantages. Kirk Building houses the International Student Affairs Office and the Study Abroad Office and is near the Student Health Center and Career Center.

"Kirk will sort of become a central location," Frushour said. "You can meet your adviser, meet a study abroad person, get some successful help [at the Career Center], go see about that nagging sore throat and do a career inventory — a one-stop-shop."

A concern about academic advisers all located in Kirk Building is that student workers at the advisers' reception

desks will have to take on more responsibility because there will be one reception desk for all the advisers.

"It'll be a little trickier for our student workers," Frushour said. "Whoever is working the reception desk will have 10 people to manage instead of seven, but I think we can orchestrate that one way or another."

Freshman Kristen Bieri, who lives in Ryle Hall, said she likes having her academic adviser in close proximity.

"It's so convenient now because you can go down and set an appointment, and [the adviser's office] is right there," Bieri said. "You don't have to work it around your schedule because you have them right there."

Bieri said she doubts students will be as likely to meet with their academic adviser as much because of the extra walking distance.

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