

# TINY TRASH PROGRAM

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Weber State University is committed to maintaining and operating sustainable facilities. In 2009, WSU adopted its Climate Action Plan committing the University to be carbon neutral by the year 2050. Since that time, WSU has reduced its electricity consumption by 29%, its natural gas consumption by 33%, and its carbon footprint by over 30%. WSU is also working hard on other sustainability goals such as conserving water and reducing the amount of waste going to the landfill. Your participation in the Tiny Trash Program is vitally important to helping WSU achieve its waste reduction and overall sustainability goals.

### Why do we use the Tiny Trash Program?

The Tiny Trash Program has been shown to minimize waste and maximize recycling in other universities, nationwide.

### How does it work?

You will have two bins, a deskside recycling bin and a mini black trash bin that hangs on the side of the recycling bin. The custodians will empty your Tiny Trash and recycling bins on your regular schedule, if you need it emptied more frequently feel free to empty it in the centralized trash cans. Use the attached recycling guide to see what can and cannot be recycled. Centrally located trash bins have also been conveniently provided in your building for the disposal of larger or smelly trash items.



### Benefits of the Tiny Trash Program

- Saves office space!
- Reduces waste and fosters awareness. **Most** of the waste we produce is recyclable.
- Saves money and is sustainable by reducing the use of plastic liners.
- The Tiny Trash Program will continue to allow WSU to be a national leader in campus sustainability practices and reduce the amount overall waste produced.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How can the Tiny Trash hold all of my garbage? It's so tiny.**

A lot of waste produced within WSU offices is recyclable, such as paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans. Any large waste items produced can be placed in centralized large trash or recycling cans. Please place stuff that goes to the landfill (wrappers, tissues, plastic film etc.) in your Tiny Trash.

### **What exactly can I recycle?**

A pocket recycling guide has been provided to you to help answer this question. For a more comprehensive list of what can/cannot be recycled please visit:

<https://www.weber.edu/sustainability/waste.html>

### **Doesn't recycling take a lot of time?**

Not as much time as you think! Recycling thankfully is not like it used to be. You do not have to remove staples or bindings from paper. However, due to recent changes in the recycling market, we do ask that plastic bottles/jugs holding liquid or food be simply washed out with water before placing it in your blue bin.

### **How often will my recycling bin and Tiny Trash be emptied?**

Your Tiny Trash and recycling bin will be emptied on your regular schedule. If your Tiny Trash is full before the custodians are able to service it please feel free to empty it in one of the conveniently located centralized trash cans.

### **Will there be liners for my Tiny Trash?**

No, we will not use plastic liners in the Tiny Trash bins. By reducing the use of plastic liners WSU is more sustainable and saves significant amounts of money. To ensure your tiny trash remains clean and free from smells we suggest that you place food waste in the centralized trash bins.

### **I still have questions, concerns, or suggestions. Who should I contact?**

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