# The Greener Dub: RecycleMania Edition



RecycleMania 2016

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## RecycleMania Update

RecycleMania is now beginning its eighth and final week so it is important for everyone to keep going strong with their sustainable habits. The theme for this final week is electronics, light bulbs and batteries.

## **Scoring Methodology**

**Waste Minimization Scoring:** The complex that is ranked highest (lowest amount of total waste per resident) is given five points, the second highest four points, and so on to one point. The lowest ranked complexes will receive zero points in this category.

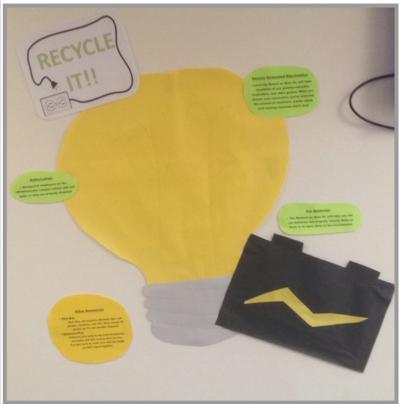
**Recycling Scoring:** Complexes are ranked in order of the recycling percentage calculated from highest to lowest (the highest with the largest proportion of their waste being recycled and the lowest with the smallest proportion of their waste being recycled).

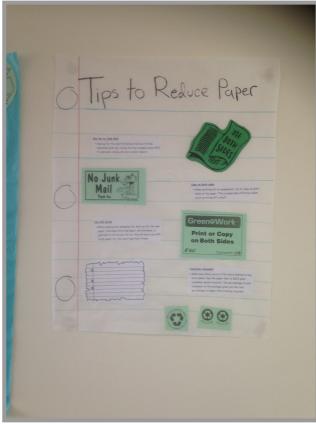
## **Current Stats**

| Current Standings (as of 3/28/16) |    |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Fricker                           | 20 |
| Bigelow                           | 18 |
| Fischer                           | 19 |
| Benson                            | 17 |
| Wells East                        | 17 |
| Clem                              | 19 |
| Arey                              | 9  |
| Tutt                              | 12 |
| Starin                            | 7  |
| Wells West                        | 9  |
| Wellers                           | 4  |
| Knilans                           | 8  |
| Lee                               | 2  |

The table to the left shows the combined scoring for each building based on the waste minimization and recycling scoring. As you can see, Fricker is in first place with 20 points and Fischer and Clem are tied for 2nd place with 19 points. Programming scores and overall improvement scores will be calculated at the end of the competition so the scores present are not the complete scores.

## **Programs Throughout the Residence Halls**





Starin Hall's two passive programming initiatives. One focuses on recycling electronics and the other gives tips to reduce paper usage.

## **How to Recycle Electronics**

Electronics contain harmful materials such as Lead, Mercury, Cadmium and BFRs (Brominated Flame Retardants). Here are instructions on how to properly recycle electronics so that the handling of these chemicals are handled properly

- A collection bin for cell phones, rechargeable batteries, printer cartridges, and CD/DVD media located next to the Information Desk in the University Center
- Various companies also offer electronic buyback options. Companies who will take back electronics include: Apple, Canon, Dell, HP, LG, Samsun and Sony
- BestBuy and Staples also accept most electronics and large appliances



 $For more information, visit \underline{http://www.cnet.com/how-to/how-to-recycle-your-electronics-and-gadgets/and-gadgets$ 

## **Get Involved!**

## **Campus Organic Garden**

Help provide fresh, organic produce to the Whitewater Food Pantry. Gardening experience is not necessary. Contact the Sustainability Coordinator to learn more about volunteer opportunities from April until November.

Information about the volunteer schedule will be provided later in the semester. <a href="mailto:Sustainability@uww.edu">Sustainability@uww.edu</a>

#### Whitewater Student Government (WSG)

Meetings take place every Monday at 7 PM in UC 259. WSG strives to represent the needs of all students at UW-Whitewater. The WSG Sustainability Director is Tessa Benedon.

To contact WSG, email the Speaker at WSGSpeaker@uww.edu.

## Students Allied for a Green Earth (SAGE)



Meets Mondays at 6:30 PM in Hyland 1319. Come to meet other students concerned with sustainability on campus.

sage@uww.edu

#### **UW-Whitewater Water Council**

A student organization focused on spreading awareness about the importance of freshwater. Tuesdays at 5 PM in Hyland 1308.

water@uww.edu

If you have any questions about sustainability in University Housing at UW-Whitewater or any questions about this newsletter, please contact Katherine Anderson, University Housing Sustainability Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:orlsc@uww.edu">orlsc@uww.edu</a>