Recycling at K-State was formally initiated in 1989. Recyclable materials were collected at 22 buildings on campus. At the time, the University collected newspaper, aluminum cans, computer paper and white bond paper using one pick-up truck to move the materials to a local recycling vendor.

In 1998, the KSU Recycling Advisory Committee was established. The University was loaned a baler from a local vendor and began to bale recyclable materials. This allowed for better space utilization and a more marketable end product.

By the year 2000, Students for Environmental Action proposed Game Day Recycling, which was started that same year. K-State purchased its first baler and extended recyclable materials to include plastics. The baler was replaced in 2011.

The recycling program added desk-side recycling and purchased a forklift in the 2001-2002 academic year. A side-load recycling truck was purchased in 2004.

On June 11, 2008, a tornado damaged numerous buildings at the University including the Wind Erosion Lab, which was owned by the USDA. It was given to KSU later that year. Using a grant, KSU was able to make the needed repairs to the Wind Erosion Lab, converting it to the Recycling Center on campus.

In 2009, K-State participated for the first time in RecycleMania. Over an 8-week period each spring, colleges across the United States and Canada report the amount of recycling and trash collected each week. The results are then ranked in various categories. K-State has been named the Big 12 RecycleMania Champion in 2014, 2015, and 2017.
...The United States throws away enough office and writing paper annually to build a 12-foot wall across the country

...Americans throw away more than 600 pounds of paper products per person per year

...Recycling one ton of paper saves 7000 gallons of water, 17 mature trees, and 380 gallons of oil

...Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour

...Recycled plastic bottles are used to make drainage pipes, toys, carpet, filler for pillows, sleeping bags, and more!

...Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television or operate a computer for three hours.

...Americans throw away enough aluminum to rebuild the entire U.S. commercial air fleet every three months

...Making cans from recycled aluminum saves 95% of the energy required to produce cans from non-recycled material.

Happy Retirement!

Happy Retirement to Araminta Washington!

After working as a Custodial Specialist, Araminta was promoted to Custodial Crew Leader in October of 2007. In May of 2014, she was promoted to the position of Custodial Supervisor Senior at Vet Med until her retirement July 29th. We want to thank Araminta for her many years of service to K-State and wish her all the best!
Welcome Back!

Facilities is happy to welcome back our Associate V.P., Ryan Swanson, who has been recovering from a head-on collision with a vehicle while riding his bike on the morning of Monday, July 24th. Ryan was transported by EMS to Via Christi and then onto Stormont Vail in Topeka for surgery. Several K-State employees within Facilities and across campus sent notes of encouragement and appreciation for all Ryan does for Facilities and K-State as a whole. We are glad to have him back!

Ryan Swanson poses with his “Appreciation Tree” covered in notes of appreciation and encouragement from several members of the K-State family.

KUDOS...

...to Sandra Bolin, Custodial Specialist
…to the Seaton Hall Custodial Crew!

BAE Custodial Staff:

Just a little something to thank you for all you do for BAE. We make a request for something to be done and you make it happen in the blink of an eye!

I hope you enjoy the chocolate chip cookies during your break/lunch periods! Have a wonderful week!

Barb Moore
Biological and Agricultural Engineering

Thank you, Seaton Hall Custodial Team!

Bill Clinton Susan
Chong Janet

Roger Schneider is On The Move!

Roger was promoted to Custodial Supervisor on July 3rd. He is working for Quentin Rawlins. Congratulations Roger!
Welcome to Our TEAM!

Martron Winstead was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He will be working for Beverly Price.

Mahogany Knox was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She will be working for Stephanie Brecheisen.

Marcus Gallon was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
He will be working for Roger Schneider.

Daundra Brown was hired as a Custodial Specialist.
She will be working for Roger Schneider.

Jim Tebbutt was hired as an Equipment Operator Senior for Refuse and Recycling.
He will be working for Bill Spiegel.
AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 2ND – GARRETT HEATH
AUGUST 3RD – GREG FIEF
AUGUST 4TH – STEPHEN GREINKE, GAYLA ANDERSON & RUTA UY
AUGUST 5TH – THERESA CLARK
AUGUST 6TH – MORRIS OLSON & JOY KNUTON
AUGUST 8TH – NATHAN SUMNERS & DELMAR WESTOVER
AUGUST 9TH – SUN JOHNSON
AUGUST 10TH – DALE RIVETT
AUGUST 12TH – LAWRENCE RUSH & JASON GLESSNER
AUGUST 13TH – PAUL WOODYARD
AUGUST 14TH – DARRIN VANDORN
AUGUST 15TH – RENE SMALLDRIDGE & GARY WEISHAAR
AUGUST 16TH – ROLLIN COBERLY
AUGUST 17TH – SCOTT WEST & PATRICK HODGSON
AUGUST 23RD – DORON STRODE
AUGUST 25TH – ROBERT LEARNED & CAROL WENDLAND
AUGUST 26TH – MIKE PAPH & DON NANNINGA
AUGUST 29TH – ARDEN POLTZ
AUGUST 30TH – RALPH RITCHIE & THERESA FINLEY
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPT 3RD – TAYLOR PEARSON & KIMBERLY CAFFREY
SEPT 4TH – MATTHEW HENRY
SEPT 7TH – ALAN STEVENS
SEPT 8TH – CASEY LAUER
SEPT 10TH – WILLIAM GLOVER JR.
SEPT 11TH – JAMES DAVIS & JAY GILMORE
SEPT 12TH – GARY JOHNSON
SEPT 13TH – JOHN LACY
SEPT 14TH – JEREMY SHARP
SEPT 16TH – JOHN HOFMANN & DOUGLAS PROCKISH
SEPT 17TH – ROSE HAMILTON
SEPT 18TH – BETTY SLATTERY & CRAIG MCCONKEY
SEPT 19TH – DEREK STOCK & WILLIAM WHALEN
SEPT 21ST – LARRY BOOKER
SEPT 22ND – RUTH ROWLANDS
SEPT 23RD – SHARON SLACK
SEPT 24TH – JANET TREADWELL
SEPT 25TH – MARVIN HECK & JERRY ROGERS
SEPT 26TH – DAUNDRA BROWN
SEPT 29TH – EVANS PITTMAN
SEPT 30TH – MEGAN WYRICK