



k-state Sustainability

K-STATE DEPARTMENTAL ECOREP PROGRAM

ECOREP UPDATE

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TIP OF THE MONTH: Publish department meeting agendas and other documents electronically giving your coworkers the option of printing a hardcopy. If it is a document needed in the meeting, recommend that your coworkers bring an electronic copy on lap tops, tablets, or phones.

REMINDERS:

Purchasing Guideline Committee meeting. The Purchasing Guideline Committee will meet for the first time to discuss the creation of a university-wide "green" purchasing guide.

K-State Green Team Listserv. The EcoRep Program is now using the K-State Green Team listserv for all member communication. Feel free to use the listserv to include your colleagues in conversation or to share relevant information.

Recycling Center Tour. Pencil in an EcoRep Program Recycling Center tour for late July. Watch your email for a save the date!

Week of Welcome. EcoReps will soon be contacting Week of Welcome coordinators and supervisors to recommend sustainable planning decisions. Details to come!

The EcoRep Update serves as a bimonthly publication to provide you with the latest news and information regarding the K-State Departmental EcoRep Program.. If you would like to contribute to the EcoRep Update, please contact Maggie Stephens at sustainability@k-state.edu.

WHAT IT MEANS TO RECYCLE

We've heard it all before. Recycling can save energy, divert waste from landfills and be more cost effective than trash collection. But how much? What does it really mean to recycle?

Bill Spiegel, K-State Recycling supervisor, shared the latest numbers regarding K-State's recycling impact. Not only are we avoiding landfills, but saving money too!

The following numbers refer to K-State Recycling data for the month of June.

Material	Weight (in lbs.)	Price (per lb.)	Amount Earned
Aluminum	708	\$0.600	\$424.80
Magazines	20,363	\$0.040	\$814.52
Mixed paper	19,922	\$0.055	\$1,095.71
Newspaper	4,867	\$0.040	\$194.68
OCC* bales	30,030	\$0.040	\$1,201.20
Plastic	1,095	\$0.100	\$109.50

**Old corrugated containers*

TOTAL POUNDS RECYCLED **76,958**
TOTAL AMOUNT EARNED **\$3,840.41**

\$3,840.41 in one month. And get this: the landfill charges \$45 per ton for waste. If you do the math, $\$45 \times 38.5 \text{ tons} = \$1,732.50$. Which means, we made \$3,840.41 instead of spending \$1,732.50.

Next time you see a coworker throw that plastic bottle away, remind them that K-State Recycling makes a serious impact on the university as a whole. Share with them what it really means to recycle.

For more information on K-State Recycling, visit k-state.edu/recycling.

SPREAD THE WORD.

The K-State Departmental EcoRep Program is here to help you enhance the workplace and collaborate with others in efforts to decrease the campus footprint. Please share this newsletter with your coworkers and encourage them to join our team, engage in conversation, or simply ask questions by contacting sustainability@k-state.edu.