

How Does Centralized Waste Collection Work?

Sacramento State is implementing a Centralized Waste Program to improve diversion rates, reduce landfill contamination, enhance custodial efficiency, and comply with SB 1383. The program replaces serviced desk-side trash bins with shared waste stations in common areas, where occupants sort landfill, recycling, and compost. Centralized waste advances Sacramento State's commitment to climate action, regulatory compliance, and responsible campus operations.

Why Centralized Waste?

Centralized waste presents a strategic opportunity to modernize campus waste management by:

- Increasing waste diversion rates
 - Reducing landfill waste and greenhouse gas emissions
 - Complying with California SB 1383 (organics diversion law)
 - Improving custodial efficiency and safety
 - Fostering a campus-wide culture of shared environmental responsibility.
- ★ Centralized waste programs at peer institutions have increased diversion rates by 15–30%. ★

How Does This Work?

Once centralized waste is rolled out in your building, occupants are responsible for bringing their waste to the nearest shared station and sorting it into the appropriate stream.

Step-by-Step

1. Place waste in your personal container throughout the day.
2. Bring your items to the nearest centralized waste station when ready.
3. Sort materials into Landfill, Recycling, or Compost using posted signage.
4. Return your empty container to your workspace.

Roll Out Information:

The Centralized Waste Program will be implemented in phases across campus to ensure a smooth and well-supported transition.

Phased Rollout

- Buildings will transition in groups every two weeks.
- This phased approach allows Facilities Management to provide focused support, clear communication, and operational adjustments as needed.

Advance Notification

Building occupants will receive notification one week before their building's transition date.

During this notification period, occupants will have the opportunity to:

- Submit an ADA service accommodation request
- Request to retain an office bin (if applicable under program guidelines)
- Request a small desk-side recycling container (mini bin)

This structured rollout ensures that each building has adequate time to prepare, ask questions, and make necessary arrangements before centralized waste stations become operational.

TRANSITION TO CENTRALIZED WASTE



Service Changes

Effective immediately, the following changes will apply.

	Custodial Changes	Building Occupant Expectations
Administrative Departments & Offices	Discontinuation of desk-side waste collection services, with the exception of ADA compliance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste is collected, sorted, and disposed at a centralized waste station• Desk-side bins can be kept to transport waste from workstations.• No more desk-side bins are left outside of rooms for servicing
Classrooms & Dry Labs	In classrooms bins are removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waste is collected, sorted, and disposed at a centralized waste station• No more desk-side bins are left outside of rooms for servicing
Wet Labs & Restrooms	No changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes

External Resources & Examples:

- [Trash Talk: How Centralizing Waste Will Transform Your Campus](#)
- [Designing out waste and driving a circular economy on a university campus](#)
- [Removing Waste Bins from Meeting Rooms & Classrooms](#)
- [New Report Shows Growing Embrace of Bin Standards and Centralized Collections](#)

Contact & Support:

Sacramento State is committed to ensuring a smooth transition to the Centralized Waste Program. If you need assistance or would like to report an issue with the new waste stations, please contact:

Facilities Customer Service

For station servicing issues, location concerns, overflow, or operational support:

Phone: 916-278-6242

Email: fm-work1@csus.edu

Office of Sustainability

For questions about waste sorting, diversion goals, SB 1383 compliance, or the Zero Waste initiative:

Phone: 916-278-4212

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