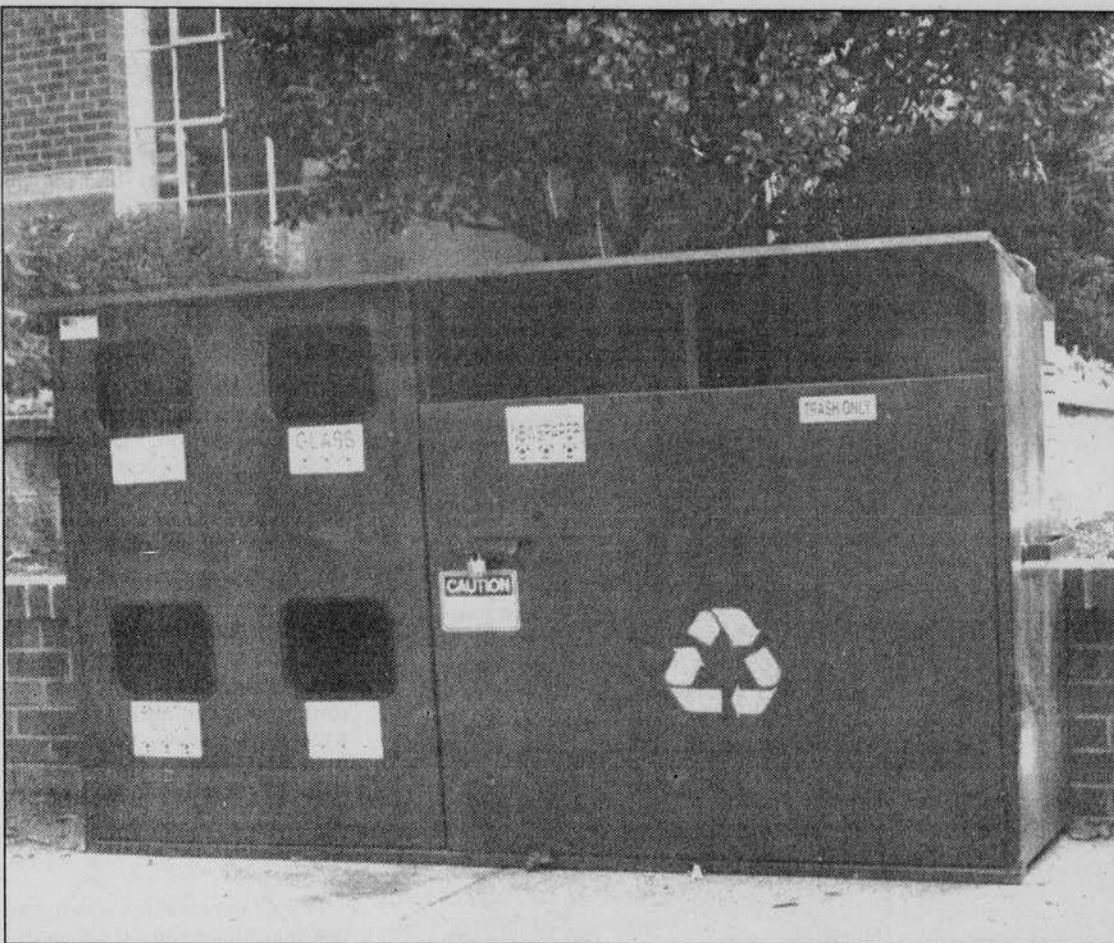




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This new recycling bin, located at E. 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street, replaces the old garbage can-style recycle bins that are usually located around campus.

Program encourages waste reduction, increased recycling

■ **PARTICIPATION:** Success depends on personal responsibility

By Angie Suchy
Student Activities Reporter

Reduce, reuse, recycle.

These three words are interpreted and implemented in a variety of ways by the University Recycling Program, from stationing 600 new recycle containers in residence halls this year to recycling 692 tons of paper last year.

"The personal responsibility focus is essential for people to reduce waste," University Recycling Program Manager Karyn Kaplan said.

So far, rooms in Bean and Hamilton complexes are sporting recycle containers and residents are responsible for emptying their containers in designated trash and recycling facilities.

Small bins are replacing old garbage cans in campus offices, in addition to desk waste bins in residence halls, to implement desk-side participation in recycling.

Employees are responsible for emptying their recycling and trash into a designated recycling collection area.

HOW TO BE EARTH FRIENDLY

- Stop your "junk mail" by filling out a card at the campus Post Office or next to Residence Hall mailboxes
 - Use a refillable hot/cold mug instead of disposable containers
 - Reuse paper before recycling it
- For more tips, check out the Campus Recycling Homepage:
<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~recycle/>

According to Campus Recycling, 42 percent of all waste on campus was recycled last year; and in the last two years, waste has been reduced by 15 percent.

"It's encouraging to see that programs are actually influencing people to reduce their waste," Kaplan said.

"Whether it's just putting up stickers on paper towel dispensers reminding people to use only amounts that are necessary or offering recycle bins during popular events, the student population is definitely responding to recycling," she said.

Other small steps such as unbleached, recycled paper in copy

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machines and the Reusable Office Supply Exchange offer small ways of encouraging and increasing recycling.

However, large amounts of wasted recycled materials are creeping into the wrong facilities — namely garbage in the Snapple recycling bins and Snapple and other non-refundable bottles in the garbage. Such recycling facilities — now available at football games, the street fair and other events — are “used and misused,” Kaplan said.

“I hope recycling can be the rule, not the exception in these and all cases,” she said. “Though recycling on campus has consistently increased, there are still more areas where there's room for improvement.”

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