

Recycling in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion (ODI) has made many efforts to “go green” by implementing recycle, reduce, and reuse practices in their day-to-day operations. Efforts include paper shredding and recycling using Augusta Data Storage, a scrap paper bin for non-sensitive documents, recycling of aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, and writing instruments. We use our central printer to reduce toner and ink use, and use electronic communication instead of paper. The ODI also purchased a water-filtered pitcher instead of using bottled waters for the office employees and guests.

Green Events

ODI staff hosted the first annual Diversity Summit in 2011 and not only was it a blast, it was green! The Diversity Summit was held at the Kroc Center which has the Silver LEED certification. Our printed materials used soy ink and post-consumer recycled paper. The decorations were also eco-friendly, using bio-degradable containers instead of wood or plastic. Even the food service followed our eco-friendly/ green theme. Food was served on re-usable plates with silverware and glass drinking glasses. Water was served in pitchers and glass instead of bottled water.

Getting Started in the Office

We noticed that our office uses a lot of plastics that could be recycled and we felt that we should have a designated recycle bin for those items. Before receiving our bins, the ODI used a huge green tub to store the recyclables and took turns bringing the recyclables to a local center. However, after doing some research, they discovered that the GHSU facilities management department is able to provide this service on campus. With the help of Mark Williams, Work Management Expediter in Facilities Management, the ODI was able to obtain this service and is a little “greener” because of it.

Location, Location, Location...

Our bins are located in the kitchen and in our conference room area. Once the bins are full, the recyclables are picked up by environmental services.

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