

Disposal: Reuse, Repurpose, Compost and Recycle

Deskside Trash Disposal

PCC offers a Mini Max bin instead of a desk-side trash bin. Place landfill garbage into the Mini-Max and all recyclable materials into a normal desk-side recycling bin. The Mini Max can hook easily on the inside or outside of a desk-side recycling bin. When they are full, or need to be emptied, take them to the closest centralized trash and recycling area and empty them. Custodians empty these centralized units daily.

Hi, I'm Mini Max, your landfill bin.

Don't forget to empty me and all your recyclables at your closest centralized waste location. Empty me frequently to avoid pests and smells!



We suggest that you take your food and wet trash directly to your central bins, to avoid dirtying the Mini Max. This also helps reduce pest issues! No liners will be provided, though reusable towels for cleaning will be available.

Each employee is responsible for emptying their own Mini Max container. PCC's custodial staff do not empty desk-side containers.

PCC Green Teams and Sustainable Office Habits

Purchasing is not the only way to reduce waste at PCC; every fall, you can join the college's Ecochallenge team to help you in developing sustainable office behaviors such as printing, turning off lights and changing the power settings on a computer. Join one of the college's many green teams to champion these initiatives in an office or building or check out our website for additional resources.



PCC offers a [green office certification program](#).

[PCC Green Teams](#) are self-organized groups of faculty, staff and students committed to advancing sustainable practices in their office, department and/or building. These sustainability champions recognize the importance of staff and faculty commitment in order to meet the college's progressive sustainability goals. Green Teams meet about once a month to connect and share ideas, plan initiatives and celebrate their accomplishments. These meetings also serve as a platform for collaborative education, community building and innovation. Green Team members use a variety of provided resources and outreach materials to promote eco-friendly offices and reduce the college's environmental footprint. They also serve as the primary contact for their department or building when working with sustainability staff on events and other initiatives.

Check out [PCC's Sustainability Initiatives](#) to learn more about green teams and to sign up. Please reach out to the Sustainability Department at sustainability@pcc.edu for tip sheets or stickers to post in a work area.

Resources

Please visit our [Waste, Recycling and Composting](#) webpage to review our Solid Waste Management policy.



Get in touch with us at sustainability@pcc.edu. For sustainability policies, plans guides and procedures, please visit our [Sustainability Guidance page](#).

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Reuse and Repurpose

PCC recommends disposal by finding the highest and best use. The college attempts to reuse or repurpose surplus property before selling, composting, recycling or trashing it. PCC's surplus property is handled through Central Distribution Services (CDS), a part of Facilities Management Services (FMS). PCC property is considered publicly owned because PCC is primarily funded through Oregon tax dollars. PCC must follow state and federal guidelines regarding recording and tracking of existing property and how property is disposed of once it becomes surplus. For more information about property disposal, please review [PCC's Step by Step Guide to Disposing of Surplus PCC Property](#). PCC's website has more information on waste, recycling and composting, as well as [PCC's Solid Waste Management policy](#).

Composting and Recycling

PCC handles the management and proper disposal of a wide variety of items after their useful life cycle. In the classroom, office and general areas, plastic bottles, cans, paper and glass are collected. In the kitchens, pre-consumer food waste is collected at all four campus cafeterias. Post-consumer food waste is collected in the dining hall at the Cascade, Rock Creek and Sylvania campuses. Universal waste, which includes items such as batteries and light bulbs, is handled through [Environmental Health & Safety](#). Get in with the sustainability department about our many other specialized recycling and waste management programs.

Resources

- [Waste, Recycling and Composting](#)
- [Recycling @ PCC Guide](#)



Surplus Property

In addition to redistributing reusable items, Surplus Property has recycling programs for durable items that have no further use and no market value including: toner cartridges, metals, non-functioning electronics, paper and cardboard, wood (must be clean and have no metal or lamination) and most furniture (does not include systems furniture). Items with market value may be redistributed to the college through stores@pcc.edu, shop the warehouse pop-up-events and or Government Surplus.



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