New Waste Diversion Standards

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NOT TRUE

- SF and Recology has locked in other contracts to ensure continued recycling

- but the recycling contractors only want “clean” recyclables
CCSF Refuse Separation Ordinance

- City and County of SF has a new Refuse Separation Ordinance effective July 1 that allows fines for contamination.
- Compactor owners will be fined $1000+ $1800 for each pickup if there is contamination in the compactor exceeding these limits:
  - >5% for Compost
  - >10% for Recycle
  - >25% for Landfill
- Recology performed several pre-audits and we failed every one of them.
- For UCSFH (M/L, MB, MZ) - could be as much as $7.8M/year.
Biggest opportunity for improvement

Questions or Requests?
(415) 514-0469

NO sharps, syringes, gloves, wrappers, soiled paper, batteries, or electronics

NO food, liquids, blood, or bodily fluids
NO LIQUIDS

Hard Plastic

Paper Cups

Cans, glass bottles, foil balls
Newspapers
Cardboard boxes
Urinals/bedpans
What is the biggest contaminant that ends up in the recycling bins?
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Gloves
Gowns
Masks
These all go in the trash!
Bathrooms need small black trash bin next to compost
Staff’s food compost can go on patient food carts in Moffitt/Long and MB Hospital
Bins Are Better Together

Keep sorting simple.

Leave bins:
✓ next to each other
✓ with the correct sign

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Finished Your Coffee?

(Empty) paper cups, lids, and sleeves

Styrofoam-coated cups

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Don’t Be A Drip

Remove excess liquid before recycling

[Image of coffee being poured into a sink, a recycling bin, and a jar of Nutella]

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Compost On Carts

Place compostables in patient food carts for disposal

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Next Steps

- Assign your green champion!
- Invite sustainability@ucsf.edu to your staff meetings, shift trainings, etc. for education
- Look for new waste education materials at tinyurl.com/UCSFHwaste
- Keep only essential waste containers in your areas
- Ensure Recycle and Garbage bins are adjacent near the signs
- Add sustainability in performance evaluations as part of PRIDE
- Nurses - remind patients to sort their waste during orientation
- Hospitality - remind patients during AIDET
iPad Giveaway

- Send a copy of the attendance sheet to livinggreen@ucsf.edu