



Zero Waste Recycle Initiative

Zero Waste Team





Concept

- Recycling can be a powerful tool to reduce waste
 - Unfortunately, it is often done incorrectly
- Some items **HAVE** to be recycled or they pose an environmental risk
 - Many electronics and batteries have to be disposed of separately or they contaminate the landfills they end up in
- To try to mitigate the amount of these items that end up in dumpsters, we decided to hold an electronics and hazardous waste drive at the end of the school year

Collaboration



- Electronics already get recycled at CSU by Surplus
- We worked with Jake Drenth from Surplus to determine how much money and resources would be needed
- This allows us to make sure all the collected waste goes to the right place and actually gets recycled as well as making some money off of some of the more valuable things collected
- This also ensures that any hazardous materials are handled properly.



Funding



- Luckily, the cost to recycle the materials is relatively low
- Most of the contents collected will be recycled by weight and will be maximum about 50 cents a pound
- The money from the sustainability fund goes towards staffing the event
 - Collection of materials
 - Sorting and transporting recycling
 - Training
- \$1,716 dollars were awarded to staff the event and pay for the recycling
- THANK YOU

Execution



- The plan for collection is to have bins distributed around campus near the dumpsters and recycling bins.
- These bins will be staffed by a mixture surplus employees and Zero Waste Team volunteers.
- As people bring items to be processed, these staffers will help people to sort their waste and donate what is still functioning
- The recycling will be brought to surplus headquarters on Lake street to be sorted and processed.

Training and Planning



- To prepare for this event, volunteers will need to be trained and routes for pickup determined
 - Training
 - What can be recycled
 - What is hazardous
 - What can be donated
 - Transportation
 - Facilities box truck to move material throughout the day to surplus

THANK YOU



This event will reduce the amount of landfill waste by literal tons and it could not be done without the help of this money

THANK YOU FOR FUNDING OUR PROJECT!!!

Hopefully in the future this can be written into a budget and all this recycling can be saved from the landfill.

