

## Centralized Waste Sorting System

Fleming College is moving in a new direction – We are implementing a Centralized Waste Sorting System starting January 2017. In this system, small waste receptacles from classrooms and lecture halls will be removed and students will be responsible for sorting their waste at the all new redesigned sorting stations.

Labs will be exempt but will receive additional recycling bins.

Classrooms and lecture halls were identified as main problem areas, with waste diversion rates as low as 10%. Recently conducted waste audits have shown that in these areas up to 75% of recyclable material was lost to landfill.

Research indicates that centralized systems greatly improve waste diversion rates in academic institutions. Nova Scotia Community College provides a leading example with diversion rates of up to 90% on some campuses utilizing a centralized system.

### We need your help!

**We have created a short educational video about the new waste strategy and are asking faculty to play it at the start of main lectures during the first week of class. This will help introduce the new system to students and ease the transition.**

Also, we are asking all faculty to help us educate students on the new system by reminding them at the end of class that they are solely responsible for their waste and that leaving waste behind in classrooms is unacceptable.

Please find the link for the video below:

<https://youtu.be/br9-BN4fWP4>

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