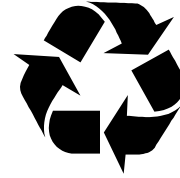


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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to campus and to the 1999-2000 school year. Usually, the first issue of EcoNotes is a reminder of Claremont McKenna's commitment to environmental awareness as well as an update of ecological activities. This issue will be no different.

As a student active in environmental issues, I want to help you learn of the various committees, groups, and activities on campus. There are many ways for you to become involved. You've heard it before, but it bears repeating -- we all need to take part in the protection of our environment. The small things we do, from recycling to carpooling, reduce the damage we inflict on the planet. The things we *neglect* to do, add up to devastating destruction.

Please read the information in this newsletter and pass it on to a friend. And don't forget, EcoNotes can also be found on the Web at: www.mckenna.edu/news/index.htm.

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Recycling at CMC

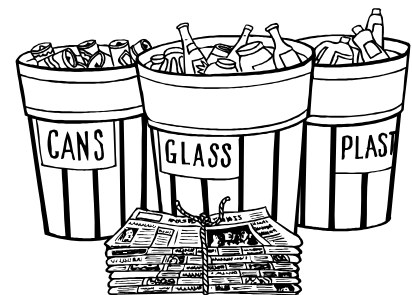
Claremont McKenna College is actively involved in recycling as a means to reduce waste sent to local landfills. This is a community-wide effort made possible by the City of Claremont and implemented by faculty, staff, and students who are personally committed to the program.

Every year, the administration distributes a list of items that are

recyclable and posts them throughout campus. The hope is that this will reduce the confusion of what can and cannot be recycled. To sum it up, most of the items we use daily can be recycled, *as long as they are not contaminated with food.*

To be sure that everyone is clear on campus recycling, here's that list one more time!

- Aluminum cans and foil
- Metal cans (canned fruits, vegetables, etc.)
- Glass (brown, green, or clear)
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Mixed paper (copier paper, colored paper, junk mail, catalogues, envelopes, and magazines)



- Plastics rated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7 on the bottom
- Waxed drink cartons (milk, juice, etc.)
- Styrofoam (cups, plates, etc.)
(Styrofoam peanuts must be bagged separately.)

All of these items can and will be recycled if they are disposed of in the blue containers across campus. There is no need to sort everything because that is handled by the City. Pretty easy, isn't it?

Now that you know how easy it is to recycle at CMC, it's just a matter of doing it!

EcoNotes is published by the Environmental Concerns Committee, a group comprised of faculty, staff, and students. Any submissions or comments can be directed to the administrative services department. We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

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What Can I Do?

There are several ways to become involved in environmental protection at Claremont McKenna College:

The Environmental Concerns Committee

This committee was established to create a collaborative effort between faculty, staff and students. The group meets once a semester to discuss environmental issues on CMC's campus. For more information, contact Tim Lopez at ext. 18112.

The Claremont Colleges Eco Club

The Eco Club is comprised of faculty and students from the five Claremont Colleges. This club combines the resources and talents of each of the schools to produce awareness of environmental issues both on campus and at large. They meet throughout the year at various times, depending on the needs of the community. For more information, contact Billy Grayson at ext. 77245.

Other Campus Opportunities

There are several specific campaigns taking place in The Claremont Colleges. There is a Divestment campaign to encourage the schools to divest from companies who are trying to block proactive environmental legislation. There is a Wilderness Protection campaign to protect previously unlogged areas in natural forests and the arctic wildlife refuge from logging. And there is the Little Things campaign which focuses on things you can do on campus to help the environment (i.e., reduce/reuse/recycle, water and energy conservation, etc.). Finally, there are service opportunities like the recycling program in the student apartments and the new composting program at Collins. Another service opportunity is an environmental education program for elementary kids at Chaparral Elementary. For information on any of these programs, contact Billy Grayson at ext. 77245.

Campus Representative of a National Organization

Many environmental organizations operate on campuses just like CMC. Groups such as Surfrider and Greenpeace are always looking for dedicated students to promote their efforts and continue awareness. Search the Web and visit the career center for more information on the groups that interest you.

Rideshare Week

National Rideshare Week is October 4 - 8, 1999. It is a time set aside to encourage people to try carpooling.

Sharing the ride is a great way to get to work or school. It offers obvious benefits to the environment by reducing emissions and petroleum consumption, but there are some great practical benefits as well.

Carpooling is less stressful than facing traffic alone and it helps reduce the traffic because there are fewer cars on the road. Sharing the ride also saves money; if you ride with only one other person, you can cut your fuel and maintenance costs in half. Each person you add to the pool saves that much more money. And one benefit easily overlooked is the addition of a new friend. Carpooling conversations can lead to great friendships!

Claremont McKenna College supports a cleaner environment by sponsoring a Rideshare program. Faculty and staff are encouraged to reduce emissions by using public transportation, carpooling, walking, or biking.
