RECYCLING AT OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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RECYCLING PROGRAM

- OCC implemented a college-wide recycling program in mid-2012
- The program includes the recycling of cardboard, paper, plastic, and metal
- Due to handling hazards, glass is not currently recycled

REGULATED RECYCLABLES

- Regulated wastes resulting from college operations are recycled under separate programs
 - Used oil
 - Used antifreeze
 - Used lead/acid batteries
 - Mercury-containing bulbs, switches, and thermometers
 - Lead wastes

PARTNERSHIPS

- OCC partners with electronics recycling firms to collect electronic wastes from the community
 - Electronic wastes contain heavy metals and other potentially toxic materials
 - Over 20,000-lbs. of e-waste collected from students, employees, and the community at OCC from 3 events
 - Additional e-waste events to be scheduled
- OCC continues to work with local groups and agencies to provide support for household hazardous waste events that are open to all within the community

RECYCLING PROCESS



Cardboard, paper, plastic and metal conainers are collected in designated bins at strategic locations on campus



When full, all bagged recyclables and cardboard are transferred to front-load containers on campus



Republic Waste Services picks up the recyclables as part of the trash pick up cycle



Recyclable materials are diverted to ReCommunity for sorting and recycling

SUSTAINABILITY

- OCC's Sustainability Committee was instrumental in developing and implementing the college's recycling program
 - https://www.oaklandcc.edu/Sustainability/
- **Student Government** is very involved in promoting recycling and other sustainability efforts at the college
 - See instructional videos for each campus at:
 - https://www.oaklandcc.edu/OCCRecycles/