

Small Bin, Big Impact

Binless Office trial

The Biology Department has approx. 120 staff and 70 HDR students. The majority have their own desk and under desk bin. These bins are emptied daily, and in most cases the plastic bin liners are changed weekly.

That's almost 10,000 plastic bags a year! Going to landfill!

We can reduce this senseless waste, by removing the bins from under desks, and increasing the capacity of the common area bins. We can also increase the amount of food for our worms and increase paper recycling.

Obviously we need somewhere to put our scraps, so we're not up and down every 5 minutes. The University can provide small desktop receptacles. But, to be even more sustainable, we'll be encouraging people to provide their own desktop bin eg by re-using an icecream or yoghurt container or similar. The advantage of these is that they also have lids, so are suitable for food scraps.

How it works

- Under-desk bins will be removed.
- Desktop mini bins will be supplied for general waste and food scraps.
- Paper recycling bins will be placed in all offices.
- Larger bins will be placed in appropriate common areas (eg kitchens and copier areas).

Questions and Feedback

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Proposed Trial Locations

- E8 buildings: levels 1 and 2
- W19F