



## Recyclemania Week 3 Update

### This Week's Weigh-In

Here are the results for this week's weights:

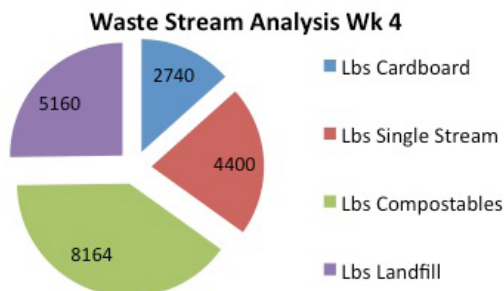
Landfill waste: 5,160 lbs

*Recycled*

Single stream: 4,400 lbs

Cardboard: 2,740 lbs

Compost: 8,164 lbs



### Weekly Trivia Updates

What's the dig on weekly trivia?

*The great news:* Most of the answers we get are correct! The greatest confusion appears to come from food-soiled products. Faculty and staff are those that typically reply, and we get approximately 20 responses each week.

This week's trivia is on food-soiled recyclables.

Please feel free to request items to be included for future weekly trivias.

### Waste Audits Planned

Recyclemania coordinators are working with Thurston County Solid Waste to host two waste audits at Evergreen. This Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, we will audit garbage, recycling, and compost on upper campus, and will be visible on Red Square from 11-2. The second waste audit will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Housing Courtyard and Soup Loop from 2-5pm. These will be a great opportunity to understand what is being thrown away on campus, what percentages are compostable or recyclable, and how much of these materials are making it into the correct bins. We'll also be able to assess contamination and begin to more accurately discuss ways to avoid it through signage and education.

### Trash Art Night: A Review



On Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, students gathered in the Housing Community Center to create art from all sorts of discarded materials. This successful event saw many community members gathering and getting crafty together. Attendees made beads from scrap magazines, notebooks from scrap paper, cardboard, and magazines, and bottle-cap magnets and earrings. We also learned how to cut up plastic bags to crochet and knit with, and started creating plastic-bag floor mats. By the end of the evening, people were asking, "When's the next one?" The Residential and Dining Services Recyclemania crew will be planning that at their next meeting.

Aside from being a fun event to gather people together in the name of waste reduction, it was an opportunity to learn how to be crafty in ways we hadn't thought of before.

### Evergreen's RecycleMania Website

[www.evergreen.edu/sustainability/recyclemania](http://www.evergreen.edu/sustainability/recyclemania)

### Fun Facts!

This week Evergreen composted 2.61 pounds per person!!

Food and paper are biodegradable in nature but not in landfills, due to oxygen buried deep and saturated with water. Landfills embalm food and paper for many years.

The average American produces 4 lbs of landfill waste every day!! That is more than 50 tons over a lifetime. Half of this waste is compostable.

Compost is the most efficient type of recycling. It does not use chemicals, huge amounts of power, or diesel trucks. It does use natural/biological systems.