

# Gardner-Webb University

## Recycling Plan 2008

### Statement of Commitment

Environmental stewardship is a core value of Gardner-Webb University and part of our commitment to “fostering dialogue and action in support of human welfare and environmental stewardship” (*Statement of Values*). We are committed as well to move the University toward sustainability, and this commitment includes implementation of campus-wide recycling.

We have made significant progress, and we will work continuously to improve. Beginning August 1, 2008 we are undertaking a major expansion of the recycling program. This effort will require the support and participation of every member of the University family – students, faculty, staff, trustees, friends, and visitors. I want to express my commitment to the recycling program, and I ask – and expect – that each member of the University family will join in this commitment.

Thank you for your participation in Gardner-Webb’s commitment to environmental stewardship.

Dr. A. Frank Bonner

President

## **Mission**

Gardner-Webb University is committed to making a positive impact on the community and the environment surrounding its campuses.

The University is committed to promoting a comprehensive waste reduction operation and effective waste management practices.

The University is committed to providing the campus community with knowledge and resources to reduce disposal waste and properly manage waste streams.

Gardner-Webb University believes that it is the responsibility of everyone – faculty, staff, and students – to help develop a more environmentally sustainable campus.

## **Goals of Program**

Gardner-Webb University intends:

1. To make a positive impact on our campus, in our community and in the world that God has entrusted to us;
2. To be good stewards in dealing with our waste, to reduce the waste we generate.

This plan relies on each individual to participate in making Gardner-Webb University an environmentally friendly place to live, work, and play.

# **ACTION PLAN**

## **Central Recycling Stations**

The University will establish a central recycling station in all buildings on campus.

Within that station there will be two receptacles for recyclable goods.

The green receptacle is designated for cardboard and office paper.

The blue receptacle, is designed for other recyclable goods (plastic, glass, aluminum, etc.),  
which may be co-mingled

## **Offices in Administration & Educational Buildings**

The University will provide each office with a blue receptacle for collecting recyclable goods  
from the individual's office area.

Faculty/Staff members will determine what recyclable goods they wish to place in the  
container, and it will be their responsibility to empty their receptacles as needed. Faculty/Staff  
members may mix their recyclable goods, but they must sort the goods before placing them in  
the proper container at the central station.

Each office area will also have a non-recyclable waste container as the University will maintain  
its normal waste collection in addition to this recycling plan.

As recycling by faculty and staff is mandatory, housekeeping will not empty refuse containers  
which clearly contain recyclable goods

## **Classrooms**

The University will provide each classroom with a blue receptacle for collecting recyclable  
goods.

Each classroom may be adopted by a Faculty/Staff member by calling 704-406-3235 otherwise  
these receptacles will be managed by the University's housekeeping staff.

## **Residence Halls**

The University will provide each residence hall/apartment complex with a central recycling station. Students will be encouraged to collect their recyclable goods from their own room and deposit them in their respective stations. The University's housekeeping department will monitor the central station and empty as needed.

Non-recyclable waste will continue to be collected and processed as it is currently being done.

## **Outdoors**

The University will strategically place outdoor recycling and non recyclable receptacles around the campus. These sites will be monitored by the housekeeping staff.

## **Vendors & Contractors**

The University will establish relationships with vendors/contractors and outside agencies that provide services on our facilities to ensure that they are providing goods that may be recycled.

In addition, we will work with them to develop best management practices that comply with the University's recycling program.

## **E-Waste**

For disposal of computer, light bulbs and other electronic waste please call 704-406-4330

## **Management of Recyclable Goods**

The University has established a secure main recycling station at Plant Operations as a staging area for all recyclable goods collected on campus.

The University is partnering with Waste Management INC for the proper management and disposal of all recyclable materials.

## Materials Accepted

- Aluminum food and beverage containers
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
- Ferrous (Iron) cans
- PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 – with screw tops only, without caps
- HDPE natural plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only (milk and water bottles)
- HDPE pigmented plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only, without caps (detergent, shampoo bottles, etc.)
- Plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7-narrow and screw top containers
- Newsprint
- Old corrugated cardboard
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Cereal boxes
- Telephone books
- Printer paper
- Copier paper
- Mail
- All other office paper without wax liners

## Materials Not Accepted

- Microwave trays
- Mirrors
- Window or auto glass
- Light Bulbs
- Ceramics
- Porcelain
- Plastics unnumbered
- Plastic bags
- Coat hangers
- Glass cookware/bake ware
- Household items such as cooking pots, toasters, etc.