

OEB Green Meeting – Wednesday, Sept. 17th

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Topics discussed

1. Composting
 - i) OEB fall party will aim to be a zero waste event, all compostable and recyclable goods
 - ii) Volunteers needed to wear an “Ask me about composting” sticker to educate OEB community on zero waste events
 - iii) Discussion of the possibility of setting up on-site composting following the lead of HUH and the Greenhouse.
 - iv) OfficeMax sells compostable products for events; brand name is “Eco-products”
<http://www.ecoproducts.com/>

2. Single Stream recycling
 - i) Irv, OEB building manager, will check with Phil Alvarado, FMO contact, on the status of single stream recycling
 - ii) Labels and poster for bins explaining what can be recycled distributed to green team members
 - iii) All recyclables can be placed together in the *same* bin (please note: plastic containers must be labeled #1-7)
 - iv) An email will be sent out to remind OEB community that single stream recycling is now in effect

3. Sustainability at OEB handout
 - i) Please see attached document.
 - ii) Handout will be available at OEB fall party

4. Update on Water Filtration
 - i) Taps need to be tested in the buildings; building managers and EH&S are point people for tap testing

5. Future Projects
 - i) Sprinkler system monitoring so as not to waste water
 - ii) New Mugs and Totes from Green Campus Initiative
 - iii) Science in the News public seminar series offered through HMS; first lecture will be on Fuels of the Future. <http://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/>
 - iv) In October, Sustainability Pledge will take place. Targeted goal is 10,000 people.
 - v) At end of October, the kick-off event for the Greenhouse Gas Initiative will take place. Dara will be in touch with the date. Possibly, a second event will occur in the spring.