

Introduction

Welcome to Week 8 of CGLP! If you need to catch up on any newsletters, go to our website [here](#) to find them all. This week, we're going to discuss Elective Action #7, which will begin the Waste Reduction portion of our electives.

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As a reminder, completion of five Elective Actions beyond the Required Actions will earn you Bronze level certification, completion of ten will earn Silver level certification, and fifteen Elective Actions will earn Gold level certification.

Instructions

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Most of us are probably well aware of the benefits of recycling: reduced raw material extraction, reduced energy consumption, less land and marine litter, and lower landfill usage, just to name a few. Recycling is one of the easiest and most basic actions we can take to be good stewards of the environment. However, be sure to note that University Recycling cannot recycle all the materials that a standard community recycling program does! (Though not required for CGLP certification, we encourage you to consider taking waste materials that University Recycling does not accept home to recycle).

- Some people don't know what can be recycled on campus. Signage on the bins can help this problem, so we recommend downloading the [university signs](#).
- If you don't have recycling bins or need new ones, you may be eligible for free ones from Facilities & Services. You can reach them to request bins at 217-244-7283 or recycling@illinois.edu. More information on Waste Management & Recycling at UIUC [can be found here](#).