# BIN BEST PRACTICES

## IN BUILDINGS



 Provide consistent bins, lids, signage, and color for each waste stream

 Create a centrally located paired waste system (landfill and recycle)

Strategically place bins to streamline infrastructure and service

#### **OFFICE SUITES**

Centrally locate standard bins inside the suite and minimize or eliminate individual deskside bins.

# COMPUTER LABS COPY/MAILROOMS

Recycling is located near printers and copiers.

### AUDITORIUMS CLASSROOMS

CONFERENCE ROOMS

**SEMINAR ROOMS** 

## GRADUATE STUDENT LOUNGES

There are no bins inside these rooms.

Centrally located bins should be in the hallway near the rooms' entrances and exits.

#### **LABS**

Locate 23-gallon bins at the end of each lab bench.

Centrally locate bins for recycling outside the lab.

#### **LOBBY AREAS**

Locate bins near entrances to collect waste brought into the building from outside.

#### BATHROOMS **BATHROOMS**

Standard 23-gallon landfill bin labeled "Landfill"

#### BREAKROOMS KITCHENETTES LOUNGES

Centrally locate bins inside the lounge.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### **DESKSIDE BIN REMOVAL**

Diversion rates improve with the removal of deskside bins and the placement of central bins

## COMPOST BIN PLACEMENT AND TRAINING

Placing compost bins in kitchens and other high-food traffic areas helps keep organic matter out of the landfill

#### **BEST PRACTICE BENEFITS**

- Our waste audits confirm standardized bins can increase diversion rates by up to 70%!
- Streamlined waste infrastructure lowers labor and material costs associated with too many trash bags, and avoids pest issues

#### NEED HELP IMPLEMENTING? WE CAN:

- Walk buildings with custodial and facilities staff to identify opportunities to streamline bin inventory
- · Repair and replace signage
- · Work with units to reduce deskside bins
- · Help set up "zero waste" kitchens with compost bins