

# “Social Hour Greening” Suggestions



As a collaborative effort to make Rawls Hall a little more environmentally friendly in the New Year, the Master’s Office has enlisted help from both Net Impact Purdue and the Krannert Graduate Students Association to create a “greener social hour”. In the first week, Kathy Barrett had made reusable table cloths and replaced the plates with biodegradable sugarcane plates. Below is the list of suggestions which students offered in the first couple weeks of the initiative.

## Suggestions:

- ◆ Get rid of aluminum cans
- ◆ Advertise efforts, posters about greening
- ◆ Get a company to supply cups to be re-used by employees
- ◆ Avoid the mineral water bottles—water is already available!
- ◆ Start selling mugs and don’t give free cups
- ◆ Stop supplying cups so that people will have to bring their own
- ◆ Get rid of Styrofoam!
- ◆ Move recycling bins closer to the middle of the room
- ◆ Get rid of cups and cans
- ◆ Use paper cups instead
- ◆ Here’s an easy one... full sized recycling bins, one for aluminum, one for plastic and maybe one for paper plates. The recycling bins normally staged around the place are fine for everyday use, but aren’t nearly big enough for social hour. Big old signs to let people know what they are would be good.
- ◆ “Reusable” plastic plates for people to use. I’m thinking the thick, often clear ones that can handle being washed instead of being thrown out all the time. It would mean more people need to help clean-up by washing dishes.
- ◆ Paper cups and pitchers instead of cans and bottles would be greener. Also, encourage using personal ‘nalgene’ bottles, not sure the best way to implement that. Beverage choices may have to change to compensate for this.
- ◆ Check the amount of leftovers and start reducing the quantity (maybe) or at least tell the students not to waste.
- ◆ Display food wastage graphs right next to the food table (this was a huge impact in my firm when they showed Bar graphs with the weight of food wasted on the vertical axis and days on the horizontal). Also hang posters about Greening around the Halls, it might help.