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Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings

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The Sustainable Saint Paul Briefings is intended to provide quick updates on sustainable initiatives and projects in the City of Saint Paul.



Planning for Upcoming Recycling Program Changes

Following the results of an extensive study done by Wilder Research, Mayor Chris Coleman announced in August a number of initiatives to improve the recycling program in Saint Paul. A few of the program changes include increasing the types of plastics collected for recycling, as well as, allowing recyclables to be co-mingled in the existing blue bins which will eliminate the need to sort materials.



These changes will begin in April of 2014. Since the announcement, city staff have been working diligently and closely with our partners, including Eureka Recycling and Ramsey County, to prepare for the roll out of additional services. Click [here](#) for a quick timeline and reminder of what recyclable materials are currently accepted in Saint Paul. Key findings and full reports can be found at: www.stpaul.gov/recycleitforward.

For recycling information, visit: www.stpaul.gov/recycle. And don't forget November 15 is America Recycles Day.

Can You Spot A VendingMiser in the City of Saint Paul?



In 2009, the City of Saint Paul was awarded an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant by the U.S. Department of Energy. This grant allowed the city to take advantage of Clean Energy Resource Teams' (CERTS) Bulk-Buy Program to purchase 100 VendingMisers. A VendingMiser is a device that reduces the operation and compressor maintenance costs of vending machines without affecting the machine's performance.

As a result of participating in the program, the city saved approximately \$3,000 through bulk purchasing. (See photo above of VendingMisers installed at Oxford Community Center.)

The city sees additional savings, however. VendingMisers can cut a vending machine's energy consumption by 46 percent, a saving average of \$130 per machine each year. The city's energy savings therefore is approximately 164,200 kWh/year in electricity or \$13,000/year in operating costs. You can find many of these machines in city park and recreational buildings, police and fire stations, and office buildings. [Read more](#).

To learn about other city energy-efficiency projects, visit: www.stpaul.gov/energy

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