

SWATeam Recommendation

Name of SWATeam: Purchasing, Waste, and Recycling

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Specific Actions/Policy Recommended (a few sentences): The campus should continue battery recycling. Whether this be department drive through the use of outside programs or a comprehensive effort, battery recycling should be a priority

Rationale for Recommendation (a few sentences): Currently, each department must pay for their own battery recycling, which should continue because battery waste can be extremely detrimental to the environment if not properly handled.

Connection to iCAP Goals (a few sentences): The iCAP aims to “Implement Solutions for Special Recyclables”, which includes batteries to increase recycling rates on campus.

Perceived Challenges (a few sentences): The previous battery recycling program on campus failed due to insufficient funds.

Suggested unit/department to address implementation: Same locations as used in the prior recycling program and add locations supported by individual departments

Anticipated level of budget and/or policy impact (low, medium, high): low budget/ medium policy

Individual comments are required from each SWATeam member (can be brief, if member fully agrees):

Team Member Name	Team Member's Comments
Marcy Wright	Battery recycling should con
Warren Lavey	Battery recycling needs to continue on campus and doing more research into other campus' programs would be beneficial.
Dilip Chhajed	Battery recycling should continue on campus.
Fangxing Liu	Battery recycling should continue on campus.
Joy Scrogum	Battery recycling should continue on campus, there are currently options such as Battery Solution buckets and Call2Recycle “all battery” boxes that departments should use to recycle their batteries.

Comments from Consultation Group (if any; these can be anonymous): N/A

Explanation and Background (can be supplied in an attachment): Batteries can greatly harm the environment if not properly handled when sent into the waste stream. The University of Illinois should make battery recycling a top priority in order to advance sustainability on campus. Further research into other campus' battery recycling programs, such as the University of Pittsburgh, have collection units around campus for both battery and cell phone recycling, which are picked up periodically by campus Pitt Recycling workers.