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Dear Tufts Environmental,

The Tufts [Eco-Reps](#) have been quite busy this last week! You may have encountered some of their "sustainability shenanigans" around campus. For instance, if you happened to walk past Tisch Library on Thursday afternoon, you probably saw some Eco-Reps standing pointedly next to a trash can. What were they doing, you ask? The Reps were collecting pledge signatures for [RecycleMania](#) (the nationwide and inter-dorm recycling competition - see weekly results below!) and they were challenging passersby to take a look into the trash can to see if they can identify which items can be rescued for recycling. Most people correctly picked out plastic bottles and newspapers but few guessed that paper coffee cups, too, should not be thrown away. (For more recycling guidelines, check out the [TuftsRecycles! website](#).)



Eco-Rep Thiago Lima collects pledges for RecycleMania at a trash sort in front Tisch Library.

The Eco-Reps also organized the spring semester's [Zero-Waste Challenge Week](#), which ran from March 5-12. You may have caught sight of someone with a bag of trash prominently

strapped to their bag. For an entire week, every non-recyclable, non-compostable piece of rubbish must go in the bag and be carried around at all times. The goal is to increase awareness of how much waste one actually creates and have as little as possible in the bag by the end of the week. [What would you do to avoid generating trash](#) if you have to carry it around for a week? The challenge is not exclusive to Eco-Reps so keep an eye out for next semester's [Zero-Waste Challenge Week](#) or even choose your own week and make it a zero-waste competition between your friends!

The Reps' work is never done, of course. This won't be the last you hear of them this semester! As part of their [Terracycling initiative](#), they will soon be raffling off a [Starburst Gummiburst Eco Boombox](#) to one lucky person who pledged to participate in Recyclemania. Stay tuned!

-Anne Elise Stratton
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Eco-Reps show how full/empty their Zero-Waste bags are after a week

[Upcoming Events](#)

[RecycleMania](#)

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Week 4 Results



[A Fierce Green Fire - Official Trailer \[HD\]](#)

TONIGHT: "A Fierce Green Fire" Film Screening

7:00 pm, Barnum 008

A FIERCE GREEN FIRE: The Battle For a Living Planet is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement - grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. Visit

<http://www.afiercegreenfire.com> for more information on the film.

- [Mar 12: NIMBY-ism and Wind Power - a New Look at an Old Problem](#)
- [Mar 13: MyRWA Flatbread Pizza Doughraiser](#)
- [Mar 21: Energy Leaders Roundtable for Massachusetts Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities](#)
- [Mar 22: "Work of 1000" Film & Discussion with Marion Stoddart](#)
- [Mar 30: Walk/Ride Day Corporate Challenge!](#)
- [Apr 13: EBC 8th Annual Environmental, Energy & Engineering Career Day](#)
- [Apr 20-21: Tufts Energy Conference 2012](#)

Upcoming Webinars

- [March 22: Understanding How to Grow Green Jobs Webinar](#)
- [March 22: SSF Webinar: Economic Vitality in a Changing Climate](#)

Contests

- [Win a Trip to Rio: UN PRME Leaders+20 \(Mar 19 deadline\)](#)
- [Tufts Energy Competition 2012 \(Deadline extended! Mar 15\)](#)

Environmental Calendar

Don't forget that there's an easy way to keep track of what's going on in the Tufts sustainability community: the common Google calendar called [Tufts](#)



#6/23

(up from #7 last week)
in Massachusetts

#9/307

(up from #15 last week!)
in the "Per Capita Classic" category

Way to go, Jumbos!
Keep up the good work.
RecycleMania only runs until March 30.

Learn to cook with farm share produce



Wed, Mar 14, 6:00-7:30pm

Balance Your Life's (BYL) cooking classes are back this semester! The first class will feature this week's CSA farm share produce from Enterprise Farms. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Tufts farm share and how to tackle those fresh weekly goodies. Classes are free but have limited space.



Please sign up by emailing balanceyourlife.tufts@gmail.com.

Green Tip of the Week: Bottle Recycling has gone Caps-On!

With [RecycleMania](#) in full swing, you might be wondering what exactly can be recycled. You may be surprised to learn that one commonly-held belief about plastic recycling is outdated: The Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers (APR) now asks that caps and closures be kept on plastic bottles and containers at the point of recycling.



Until recently, the plastics recycling industry was not able to effectively recycle bottles with caps on so the



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message to remove the cap was created. But recycling collection and processing technology has improved and demand for the recyclable material has increased, enabling caps-on recycling. This important development is expected to be permanent. For more details, see the [APR's Caps On FAQ](#).

Jobs in Sustainability

- [Internships, MyRWA \(Arlington, MA\)](#)
- [Sustainability Officer, MacEwan U \(Edmonton, AB, Canada\)](#)
- [Sustainability Fellow, HEASC](#)
- [Environmental Internships, ARAMARK \(Philadelphia, PA\)](#)
- [Internships, MassDEP \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Responsibility Intern, Hess Corporation \(NYC, NY\)](#)
- [The Acadian Internship in Regional Conservation and Stewardship \(Maine\)](#)
- [Internship, Energy Efficiency Program, New Ecology Inc. \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Sustainability Wiki & Media Manager, New Ecology Inc. \(Boston, MA\)](#)
- [Learning Facilitator, Earthwatch Institute \(Boston or Brazil\)](#)

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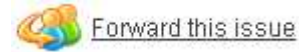


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