Don’t throw that cardboard away: City ban on cardboard in trash starts this month

Starting this month, a new City of Fort Collins ordinance will go into effect that is aimed to drastically reduce the amount of cardboard in trash. The ordinance bans cardboard from trash bins for all businesses, family residences and construction sites - and imposes a fine if cardboard is found in a trash can.

Colorado State University Facilities Management is asking all faculty, staff and students to comply with the ordinance by recycling cardboard on campus, helping the university avoid fines.

Cardboard can be recycled on campus in blue recycling containers usually located at most desks, in ‘single stream’ collection receptacles, in designated large receptacles in buildings across campus and at most building dock areas.

CSU Facilities Management needs your help to keep cardboard out of the trash. Please use designated collection receptacles in your building or place cardboard in single-stream collections. Facilities Management will no longer be able to collect waste in receptacles that are not in compliance with the ordinance, with the exception of cardboard boxes containing sharps for disposal.

The city’s ban went into effect on July 1.

If you have questions or concerns please call Facilities Management Integrated Solid Waste at 491-0122. Thanks for your help!

For more information about the city’s ordinance and ban, passed in March, visit http://www.fcgov.com/recycling/cardboard.php.