



## Recycling Operations Timeline

**1990 to 1995:** Individual staff and students volunteering recycling efforts within their own offices and classrooms.

**1995:** Environmental Health and Safety contracted with South Valley Training Company to collect paper from primary areas at the Taylorsville-Redwood and South City Campuses. Individual staff and students volunteering recycling efforts

**1999:** South Valley Training Company stopped services due to cost. The Department of Environmental Health and Safety provided funds to buy more bins and hire a part time employee to continue collecting mixed paper and corrugated cardboard. A partnership was created with Green Fiber for recycle bins; funds are used to purchase new and replacement bins.

**2000:** Started corrugated cardboard collection at all campuses. SLCC student body, with assistance from Pepsi, started collecting plastic bottles. Used toner cartridges were collected and recycled by returning them to the manufacture.

**2000 to 2007:** Recycling grew to include all campus locations with some student involvement during fall and spring semesters. The following items were added for proper disposal and recycle: motor oil, and other engine and equipment fluids, batteries, light bulbs, e-waste, paint, and much more. Each area that produced the waste was responsible for proper disposal and recycling.

**2007:** The Sustainability Committee was formed. Another 30 recycle locations were added thanks to funds from Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety Services. Fluorescent light bulbs were crushed reducing the volume and amount paid for their disposal.

**2008:** Recycling used toner cartridges from printers and fax machines are highly encouraged; this was done through Central Receiving and Shipping. Another 60 recycle locations were added thanks to money from Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety Services. Staff began scrapping and sorting surplus items for disposal instead of placing them in solid waste containers.

**2009:** Added more recycle locations for mixed paper and cardboard, doubling the amount. Established centralized collection locations for recycling aluminum cans, plastics and office trash. Metal recycling was set up at the Facilities Complex for dropping off metal scrap. Environmental Club was formed. Solar power installed on top of the Science and Industry Building. The Green Academy was offered through Continuing Education. Over 300 hours were volunteered to the college recycle program in 2009.

**2010 – 2011:** “Kick Off” of SLCC’s centralized recycling program with help from the 2010 – 2011 student body approving \$1.50 fee per student for the purpose of recycling. It is anticipated that this fee will generate \$60,000 per year which will go to recycling collection. Another \$30,000 is available for new recycle bins. The Facilities Division created a 1,200 square foot area for recycling, along with the purchase of a recycling collection van and a corrugated cardboard bailer. Consolidation of all recycling efforts is being coordinated out of one office and one area. SLCC Community Garden established on the Taylorsville-Redwood Campus. Used toner containers are being collected for recycling, remanufacturing or disposal when necessary. Partnership created with student volunteers from the Environmental Club and the Thayne Center. Aerosol can recycle and disposal began.

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**November 9, 2011:** Recipient of the Thomas A. Martin Recycler of the Year Award 2011. The award was given by Recycling Coalition of Utah.

**November 17, 2011:** Recipient of the Utah Green Business Award, presented by Utah Business magazine. For Education Initiatives, Organizations that promote and champion green practices through education.

**2012 Recycling Mania:** Utah 2012 Recycle Mania MVP Award Most Valuable Recycling Program Award presented by Recycling Coalition of Utah.

**December 1, 2012:** Started Green Waste recycling at Taylorville Redwood Campus

**February 20, 2013:** Recipient of the 2013 winner for Excellence in Innovation by Salt Lake Community College for Sustainability and Recycling.