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EMAIL

Water Filtration comes to NYU!

The Sustainability Office, Facilities and Construction Management, and Purchasing Services have worked together to identify and recommend a water filter-cooler service for NYU.

We are in the final stages of selecting a water filtration service provider. The vendor that we choose will save departments money and reduce environmental impacts, and they will help us transition easily from the current 5-gallon jug service to the new system.

This is an exciting opportunity for Advocates, because we are inviting you to help us pilot the new system.

There are still logistical plans to put in place before these new water filtration systems can be installed (evaluating feasibility in each building area, coordinating with building managers, etc.). Be aware that the timeline and feasibility of making the switch will be site-specific. Your help is appreciated!

Water filtration service is an example of an efficiency improvement that benefits both the environment and your department's bottom line. If you already have a 5-gallon water jug, your office may save approximately \$400 on water services annually. In addition, your area will completely eliminate the waste and storage issues associated with the 5-gallon jugs.

New York City municipal water is already some of the best in the world, and rarely needs filtering for health reasons.

Water filtration technology will assure your department access to clean and delicious water!



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NYU spends about \$200,000 on 5-gallon water jugs per year

Switching to water filtration service doesn't require a change of service provider, and you save!

Fall ACTION Item for Advocates

For detailed instructions on implementing this important sustainability and cost-saving initiative, please read the email accompanying this newsletter!

If your department is interested and able to participate, please help us streamline this process by filling out the questionnaire here: <http://www.nyu.edu/sustainability/get.involved/watercoolers.php>

The web form will enable us to centrally track requests for water filter-coolers to help streamline the process when departments make the switch.

Check out the updated Advocate Resources section of the Sustainability Website—we have posted the presentation from our last training session.

Past newsletters are also available to download.

<http://www.nyu.edu/sustainability/get.involved/resources.html>

New Fall Advocates now appear on the Advocate Map:

<http://www.nyu.edu/sustainability/get.involved/advocate.map.html>

*Advocate Spotlight: Bobst Sustainability
J. Smith, Ted Lawton, and Dan Lega*

This month we recognize the Bobst Sustainability Committee for their wide-ranging and impressive initiatives at NYU's main library. Here is just a small sample of this Advocate team's excellent work:

- Established a reuse partnership with the Campus Bookstore (through Sustainability Advocate Keith Penner), in which Bobst sends them shredded paper for use as packing material
- Held a poster-session about sustainability during a Bobst All-Staff Meeting
- Toured the building with Sustainability staff to determine where and how many recycling containers are needed
- Informed colleagues about how to make double-sided copies.

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