

THE INSTITUTION RECYCLING NETWORK



Recycling Hampers: Versatile, Adaptable, Indestructible



Soft-sided hampers are one of the most flexible recycling tools out there. They're excellent for bulky items like computers and monitors; they can hold a huge amount of paper; and they're even great for handling flattened cardboard. They can be nested when they're empty, they take up less space than pallets or Gaylord boxes, and they're the easiest and safest containers for moving very heavy or bulky recyclables without heavy equipment.

Several years ago, a number of IRN members who were already using hampers asked us to negotiate a group purchasing deal with a hamper manufacturer in the Boston area. Since the agreement was finalized more than 30 members have purchased some 2,500 hampers through the IRN for use in their electronics, paper, and general recycling programs.

"We have been using hampers for many years, not just for recycling but for campus-wide events like student move-out," said Northeastern's Butch Michitson. "They save a lot of labor. For example we can load electronics right into the hampers at the point of pick up and avoid double handling when it's time to ship. The IRN brings in empty carts every time they come in to pick up a load of hampers that we've filled." NEU orders hampers in different colors for different departments on campus, so they can track hamper use and overall recycling patterns.

The hampers' design and durability also contribute to making these units so cost effective. "We specifically wanted the six-caster hamper", says Mike Lyons at BU. "We have narrow hallways in many of our buildings. The hampers are narrow enough to pass through nearly all doorways, and with the center casters we can turn corners easily. We order the large 'Post Office' wheels which are good on snow and ice and don't scuff the floors".



The hampers are made of tough vinyl fabric over a steel frame, with a wooden base for easy lifting by forklift or pallet jack. IRN members tell us they last for 8-10 years without repair or maintenance.

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