

Resolution 1 Power of the Can

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE REPLACEMENT OF UNCOVERED TRASH CANS WITH HYBRID RECYCLE-MATERIAL MADE TRASH CANS AND INCREASE OF TRASH PICKUPS ACROSS CAMPUS

WHEREAS, plastics contain chemicals that are absorbed by human bodies and some of these chemical compounds are found to alter hormones or have other potential human effects.

WHEREAS, using recycled aluminum is 92% more energy efficient than using virgin materials. Recycling paper also minimizes the need to cut down trees to produce new paper.

WHEREAS, overflowing trash bins hurt the image of a university, especially during tours with prospective students and sporting events.

WHEREAS, the current rate of trash pickups is not enough for the continuous influx of trash.

WHEREAS, 62% of students base their college decision on the appearance of campuses.

WHEREAS, uncovered trash bins easily flood during rain and when trash is picked up this additional water complicates trash pick up.

WHEREAS, hooded tops or rain bonnets also protect trash and keep it dry through storms. Keeping your trash cans covered to protect your trash minimizes escaping litter.

WHEREAS, 92% of MSU students polled on campus support more recycling cans on campus and 82% of MSU students support more covered trash bins on campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mississippi State University students support the replacement of uncovered trash bins with covered hybrid bins and an increase in trash pickup to decrease the current overflow of trash in all areas of the university.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to MSU Department of Waste Management, MSU Department of Environmental Health and Safety, MSU Vice President for Student Affairs, and MSU Student Body President.