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Good morning FM Team,

You have likely seen the rigs around campus making trips to the county waste and recycling site, or heading to our very own CSU [compost site](#) on Foothills Campus. Let me introduce you to the people who carry out this vital environmental work. Following up from [yesterday's feature](#), the Building Services Group (BSG) also includes Integrated Solid Waste (ISW). They are a powerhouse team who operate like a well-oiled machine, led by **Sheela Backen**. This small but specialized group consists of:

- Trash
- Compost
- Recycling
- Building bag trash pick-up
- Special deliveries and drop-offs

There are approximately 1,800 exterior recycling, compost, and trash bins on Main, South, and Foothills Campuses. In fact, you can see the locations of both compost and outdoor recycling bins at academic buildings and residence halls on the [CSU interactive map](#). Not including the innumerable items collected, then recycled, donated, or sold for reuse through the Leave It Behind and Surplus Property programs, 25.9% of CSU's solid waste ends up going to the landfill while 74.1% is diverted through the recycling program. The folks who do this important work are: **Craig Bieber**, responsible for dumpster trash; **David Coria** for single stream recycling; and **Clay Worman** and **Jim Taylor** for cardboard.

Our campus community turns to **Frank Poltzer** and **Jeff Icenhower** for special deliveries of bins for events. They are also in charge of heavy trash pick-up from office clean-outs, residence hall move-outs, and the like; building bag trash for buildings that do not have a dumpster; and pick-up of toner cartridges, fluorescent tubes, batteries, and any other waste that should not be put into the landfill.

Infectious waste from labs must be disposed of in special Environmental Health Services-certified autoclaves; the bins are red to alert custodial staff that there is broken glass or pipettes in the bins. **Jim Carroll** is responsible for emptying the autoclave waste bins. Jim also empties outdoor recycle bins that are in pedestrian walkways and near buildings; does pick-ups on fluorescent bulbs, toner cartridges and batteries from Residence Halls; and collects shrink-wrap from the shipping pallets of various users on campus such as the Warehouse, Central Receiving, and Canvas Stadium Catering, so that it can be recycled through the City of Fort Collins Recycling Center for hard-to-recycle items.

Did you know you can buy bags of the compost made by the ISW compost crew through Surplus Property? **Albert Cones**, **Gilbert Mojica**, and **Jesse Aguilar** process this compost to perfection. They maintain the windrows, long piles of waste organics that are turned, watered, and monitored. If you haven't seen this [2-minute video](#) featuring Albert and Sheela talking about the work of making compost, I recommend you take a moment to watch it. It really underscores the passion they have for their work.

Each person in the Building Services Group and within FM has a specialized focus that results in good stewardship of CSU, helping to keep spaces clean, safe, operational, and inviting so the CSU Community can truly enjoy the campus experience.

Thanks to you all,



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