GoGreen Reusable Container Pilot Program – Guidelines + Participation

Context

One of SFU’s 20 Year Sustainability goals is to be a Zero Waste University. In addition, many municipalities in British Columbia and Canada are preparing to enact bylaws that ban single-use plastics and products (SUPPs) and support a circular economy. In response, SFU is launching a pilot of the GoGreen reusable container program, as part of SFU’s Re-Use For Good initiative, to decrease the number of disposable food containers used each day.

What

The Sustainability Office is leading this launch of the GoGreen reusable container program with the help of Dining Services and Facilities Services. Any interested participant purchasing a meal at Mackenzie café can ask to have their meal to go in a GoGreen reusable container. Once the meal is finished, participants return the container to one of the designated return receptacles in Mackenzie. The containers are then collected from the return receptacles, washed by staff and returned to the outlets in Mackenzie, where they can be reused again for the next customer.

Where

The first phase of the pilot will take place at the Mackenzie Cafeteria in the Academic Quadrangle of the SFU Burnaby campus. Clearly labelled return receptacles will be located within the Mackenzie cafe.

When & How

If your department is interested, please email Marina Van Driel from the Sustainability Office, who will arrange to present at your upcoming departmental meeting and sign staff up for the program. This meeting will take place in mid/late August or early September, as the pilot launches September 9th, 2019 and runs until December 15th, 2019.

Anyone who uses a GoGreen container will be included in the tracking metrics and will be helping reduce waste on campus regardless if they are officially in the pilot or not. Official pilot participants will be eligible for prizes so we encourage you to officially sign up!