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Idaho State University and City of Pocatello Partner on New Recycling Initiative

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Idaho State University and the City of Pocatello are joining forces on a new recycling initiative designed to make campus waste management more streamlined and more transparent.

Under the partnership, ISU will convert its campus waste bins into two-stream receptacles, with one stream dedicated to trash and the other to recycling. The City of Pocatello will handle timely collection of the waste and sort recyclable materials into their respective categories before sending them on for processing.

"This effort is aimed at streamlining our recycling process and being fully transparent about how our recycling system works, not only within campus, but with the city and beyond."

PALLAVI POKHAREL — ISU SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER

Pokharel has pledged to document the full path of the university's recycled waste, from collection on campus through transport to the end recycling facility, so that students, staff, and community members can see exactly how the system works.

"We want people to be able to trust and understand where their recycling actually goes," Pokharel said.

The initiative is a collaborative effort within ISU as well. Pokharel is working closely with Chris Wagner, ISU's director of maintenance and operations, and Brad Paige, custodial manager, to implement the new bin system and coordinate day-to-day operations with the city.

University leaders say the partnership represents one of the most significant steps yet toward making recycling more effective, not just on the ISU campus but throughout the City of Pocatello.

The recycling initiative is part of a broader push by ISU's Office of Sustainability, which is also working on other joint efforts with the city to raise sustainability awareness both on campus and in the surrounding community.

We want to give a large thanks to everyone who helped contribute to the efforts that went into developing this partnership and continue to support our sustainability journey.

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