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UH DINING MOVES TO REUSABLE TO-GO CONTAINERS

Houston, January 25, 2010 – UH says, “Ditch the Disposables and Re-Use” as dining facilities on campus move to supplying reusable to-go containers only during a quite progressive method for reducing waste in landfills.

In an effort to increase sustainability on campus, UH Dining Services will no longer offer Styrofoam containers. Instead, customers purchasing a to-go meal will receive a green, reusable to-go box.

The reusable boxes will eliminate thousands of Styrofoam containers which are used each year, resulting in unnecessary and harmful waste for the environment.



These sturdy, microwavable “Green Thread” boxes are plastic containers which may be returned, after use, to locations provided on campus.

Boxes may be returned to the residential dining hall or one of five C3 Express convenience stores on campus or Cougar Xpress at Calhoun Lofts for a voucher to receive a clean container for future visits.

Boxes will be available for students, faculty and staff who purchase to-go meals on campus, as well as visitors. Though some boxes may be lost, this fledgling program is dependent on responsible participation from diners.

“The process is so easy. You fill it, you eat it, you wipe it and return it,” said University Services Marketing Manager Maria Honey. “And the best part is that it’s at no additional cost to the customer.”

Ms. Honey also noted that the success of the program depends on customers returning the boxes so that they can be reused. “This is a great pilot program, but we will only be able to continue if people are responsible in returning the boxes,” said Honey.



Flyers have been given out which explain this easy, beneficial process in three steps, from picking up the container, to using it, to repeating the cycle again.

These boxes are an exciting acquisition to the University of Houston’s green initiative, and are sure to be a great asset to the campus community and beyond.

For more information about Green UH initiatives and how you can be involved, visit www.uh.edu/af/greenUH.

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