

Dear QCC Family,

Every year, millions of CD, CD-ROM and DVD disks are thrown in the trash. These disks end up in landfills and incinerators causing unnecessary damage to our environment. I have recently discovered a service, called “GreenDisk” that will recycle computer related waste.

## ***The Technotrash Can***

Beginning this semester, you will notice in each building a collection box called a “Technotrash Can”. It is perfect for disposing any “technotrash” you may have piling up in your office. You can throw used up printer cartridges, CD’s, DVD’s, disk cases (“jewel box”), computer mice, cell phones, video tapes, audio tapes



and cords or any other computer – related waste that fits in the Technotrash Can.

If you have a large amount of computer related waste that you need to dispose of, please let me know and I will gladly assist you with recycling them. Cardboard or paper disk sleeves are generally recyclable as paper products and can be placed in your deskside recycle bin.

### ***What happens to your Technotrash?***

Each collection box will be shipped securely to a GreenDisk certified facility. CD’s and DVD’s are ground or shredded. Video and audio tapes are either degaussed or shredded. Media goes through high-powered electro magnets that wipe out all information without the possibility of recovery. The resulting material is perfect for the subsequent recycling and remanufacturing process, and information is impossible to capture. Once media is destroyed QCC is sent a Certificate of Compliance confirming the destruction of private information. For more information regarding GreenDisk’s secure destruction of information on electronic media please don’t hesitate to ask or visit:

[www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

Please help spread the word to all on campus about this new recycling program and if anyone has questions just email me at: [sgauthier@qcc.mass.edu](mailto:sgauthier@qcc.mass.edu)

Have a Great Fall semester and ***thanks for keeping QCC “green”***,

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