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Pod Brewers Are A Sustainable Coffee Alternative

If your office uses a single serve coffee system, RIT Sustainability encourages you to consider a pod brewer, a more environmentally friendly option.

Many departments have asked how they can recycle or compost their kcups. Unfortunately the answer is that you can't. The mixture of materials contained in a k-cup is not acceptable in our recycling or compost streams; therefore kcups must be sent to the landfill.

Pods can be purchased in bulk boxes without additional wrapping and may be composted after use. In fact, [RIT Sustainability](#) is looking for a few departments to participate in a pilot program where the used pods will be collected and used in an ongoing research project that is turning coffee into biodiesel. Additionally the research will examine the compostability of the pods. If your department will be using a pod brewer and is interested in participating in the pilot program contact: recycle@rit.edu.

Staples Advantage offers RIT the lowest priced coffee service options, which now includes a no-cost pod brewer in addition to traditional models. You can find out more about Staples coffee services by going to the [PSO Forms](#) page and clicking on "RIT No-Cost Brewers". This Staples Advantage publication will give you all the information needed to select an appropriately sized brewer and to request more information on office beverage products and services.

If you have any questions about these services, please contact Sharyl Rock, Manager Operations and Commodity Specialist, Procurement Services at 475-2759 (ssrssc@rit.edu).

