The results are in from the Longwood campus’ first-ever waste audit, conducted at HMS in December! The audit tracked how much trash could have been reused, diverted to recycling or composted.

In total, two-thirds of the items by weight could have been diverted, with the remainder being legitimately trash. These numbers establish a helpful, if imperfect, baseline for us to track changes over time. During 2017, the Longwood Campus plans to expand areas with compost bins and update signage to reflect best-practices.

Harvard’s goal is to reduce the per-capita waste 50 percent by 2020 with the aspiration of becoming zero-waste. YOU can help by taking a moment to sort items into their appropriate waste-stream, considering excess materials when making purchases, and advocating for compost where it would be helpful.

Happy New Year

Here are a few suggestions to make your 2017 greener and healthier:

1. Walk, bike or use public transportation
2. Cook from scratch
3. Bring your own shopping bags

Water Filtration Cartridge Recycling

Did you know that your lab can recycle your used Millipore or Water Filtration Cartridges? Please schedule a pick up through the online lab waste pick up through EH&S. Place the cartridges near your Satellite Accumulation Area, and remember they don’t need a hazardous waste tag.

DON’T MISS THIS!

Jan. 18 @ 2-3pm - EcoOpportunity Meeting. Ballard Room 5th Floor, Countway Library. Snacks will be provided. Please bring your own reusable plate and/or cup.