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Cutting Back Printing, BC Saves Trees

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By **EMILY SHARRER**

BRIDGEWATER — By eliminating 15 laser printers from labs and classrooms, Bridgewater College will save about 50 trees this year.

Terry Houff, chief information officer and director of Bridgewater's C.E. Shull Information Technology Center, said the new campuswide printing system will reduce printing and paper use by about 30 percent.

The laser printers were replaced with 15 printing kiosks that use paper made of 50 percent recycled materials.

"We are doing quite a number of different things on campus to increase our sustainability efforts and cut back on waste," Houff said. "The amount of paper that gets wasted is tremendous. This solution causes everybody to think twice before they hit the print key and to say, 'Do I really need a print out of this?'"

Previously, printing from laser jet printers in classrooms was free for students.

The new kiosks, installed and run by New Jersey-based Wireless Everywhere, Print Anywhere, charges students 8 cents for black-and-white prints and 45 cents for color prints. The company receives all the proceeds.

The money previously paid for the campus laser printers will now go toward \$5 printing stipends for each student.

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