Metal recycling program initiated

Facilities Management recently set up a pilot project to determine the demand for metal recycling services on the St. John’s campus. To discard metal items, contact Terry Clarke (pictured) at 709-864-3943 or tclarke@mun.ca. He will provide information on which metal types will be accepted and how to schedule a drop off or pick up. Important: regulations require that the metal recycling container is to remain locked at all times. This bin is for metal items from Memorial’s St. John’s campus only and no items can be left outside the bin.

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Steve Noseworthy of Facilities Management’s carpentry shop and Nancy Burt of the Sustainability Office take part in the community garden launch.

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