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Miami recycling model an 'outstanding' achievement

Miami University won't be included in the Fairfield-Oxford recycling challenge, mainly because it is one of the country's best recycling universities, according to Recycle Mania.

Miami Environmental Education Coordinator Emily Donohoe said Miami's recycling program was started in 2001 as a competition between the Oxford school and Ohio University in Athens. In national recycling competition Recycle Mania, which is among 260 colleges and universities, Donohoe said, the school is annually one of the competition's leaders.

Recycling efforts include collecting materials before and after Miami football games, she said.

Oxford Mayor Prue Dana said while most in the community have a high green awareness, there are some areas the city needs to address.

"We do have some very difficult areas in the city and that has to do with large apartments," Dana said. "They don't have off-campus pick-ups and the university through off campus housing is trying to address that."

Butler County Department of Environmental Services' Anne Fiehrer Flaig said Miami's model is "outstanding," and is a reflection of Oxford.

"It speaks volumes of the momentum of the drive they have to be a green campus and a green community," Flaig said.