It is highly recommended to recycle fluorescent light bulbs, and other light bulbs that contain mercury once they are no longer able to be used. Recycling fluorescent bulbs prevents the release of mercury into the environment. When bulbs are thrown away, there is the potential of bulbs breaking in a dumpster, trash can or compactor, or when they end up in a landfill, and this can release mercury into the environment. Not only does recycling prevent the release of mercury, but other parts of the bulbs can be reused. The EHS&RM department has a light bulb recycling program in place where those workers who change out bulbs on campus can bring them to our collection facility to be properly packed, stored, and picked up for recycling. Since 2013, Texas State has recycled over 11,000 pounds of fluorescent bulbs and other high intensity discharge bulbs, such as metal halide. It is highly encouraged that you properly recycle any fluorescent light bulbs that are used at your home; light bulbs can be taken to R3 Recycling in San Marcos, which is located at 215 W. San Antonio St. For more information contact R3 Recycling: 512-213-1345 or www.recycle@r3-recycling.com

Workers’ Comp Update

So far this year there has been a total of 43 injuries with 22 of them resulting in claims. Here is a breakdown of these injuries.

- Contusions-13
- Strain-10
- Sprain-4
- Fall-6
- Puncture-1
- Laceration-1
- Other-8 (personal illness or foreign objects)

When it rains, anything that’s on our streets, sidewalks, parking lots, or other paved surfaces will flow to the nearest storm drain and into our creeks and rivers. If you see suspicious discharges like paint, oil, or sewage flowing into our campus drainage ways, please call 245-IDDE(4333). Thank you for doing your part to help keep our waterways clean!