



# WASTE REDUCTION

Despite staff and student numbers increasing in 2014/15 by 6.8%, we have managed to keep waste production declining. Here at Sustainability Services we will continue to keep waste production as low as possible year on year.

Waste has been reducing across the University in recent years due to a number of initiatives. In 2009/10 we began collecting food waste and worked hard to promote waste and recycling awareness. 2015 saw the launch of Warp-It, the re-using of spare equipment initiative that saves money and time whilst reducing waste.

Total waste produced by the University saw some sharp declines between 2010/11 and 2012/13. This was due to relinquishing all halls of residence to UPP between 2010/11 and 2011/12, which meant they took responsibility for the waste produced by these buildings. In addition, Bulmershe Campus was decommissioned in 2012/13, causing a further drop in waste reported.

## HOW WE RECYCLE



In 2015/16 we managed to recycle 50% of all waste across campus. Here is how we recycle just some of our waste:

### RECYCLING POINTS

Sustainability Services provide as many bins as possible across campus with a range of recycling options so Staff and Students can directly help us recycle.

### GLASS RECYCLING

Drop-off points are provided across campus for Staff and Students and our Catering outlets divert large quantities for recycling. 90% of our glass waste is melted down for re-use and the remaining 10% is sent to make glass-based insulation.

### FOOD WASTE

All of our Catering outlets send their food waste for Anaerobic Digestion which generates electricity. They also work hard to reduce edible food waste by shipping food between outlets where needed.

### PRINTER CARTRIDGES

All cartridges across the University are sent for re-filling. If they aren't suitable, they get recycled. Our centralised print system helps to cut down the number of cartridges used in the first place.

Find out more about how we recycle other materials at our main website and learn about our latest initiative Warp-It, the new way to re-use furniture across campus.

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# WHERE DOES OUR WASTE END UP?



All our waste is collected by an external company who are as dedicated as we are to recycling.

Our recyclable waste is taken to facilities where it can be processed ready to be reused.

Email us here at Sustainability Services for more specific information, or with any waste related query.

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