

Waste Policy

The University is committed to the waste hierarchy and meeting its legal duties under 'Duty of Care' on all sites. The University will contribute to the circular economy where practicable and implement a zero to landfill policy.

In order to move towards zero waste we will:

1. Encourage staff and students to adopt the Waste Hierarchy and minimise environmental impacts
2. Provide targeted staff training that enables waste reduction and maximises the volume of materials recycled
3. Reduce costs of waste and its environmental impacts by considering them early in the procurement process and specifying them in tender documentation. This provides potential suppliers with an understanding of the University's requirements towards waste reduction and allows them to demonstrate their ability to meet them.
4. Provide mechanisms for recycling on each site to prevent overprovision of waste capacity
5. Set targets for the reduction of waste to landfill by improving the recycling rate to at least 50% by 2020
6. Allocate a percentage of the waste budget to comply with legislative requirements and meet carbon reduction targets
7. Monitor the equivalent mass of waste that is sent to landfill, energy recovery and recycled
8. Report progress against set targets
9. Treat waste as a resource
10. Separate waste where technically, environmentally and economically practicable to do so (TEEP)