

University of Westminster: Waste Management Policy

This Waste Management Policy forms part of the University of Westminster's Sustainability Strategy and helps support the University's commitment to working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As part of our ongoing sustainability program, Westminster is committed to promoting waste as a resource, encouraging re-use and recycling in line with the waste hierarchy and meeting our legal duties under 'Duty of Care' obligations. The University will look to contribute to the circular economy where practicable and will continue to implement a zero to landfill policy.

Waste Management Targets:

1. Maintaining zero waste to landfill
2. Achieving a recycling rate of 65% by 2022/2023
3. Reducing our waste production by 5% by 2022/2023 against a 2018/2019 baseline
4. Reusing 70% of furniture from project works across our campuses

Waste Management Objectives:

The University is committed to:

- Complying with all legislative requirements in line with our Ecocampus certification, including hazardous waste materials.
- Using furniture re-use schemes for clearances and refurbishment work in order to reduce our waste production from project works.
- Reducing the amount of unnecessary single use plastic and other disposables used on our sites, in collaboration with suppliers such as catering contractors.
- Developing a program to increase the amount of food waste collected from student and colleague areas.
- Reducing negative environmental impacts and waste costs by ensuring that waste and resource use are considered in the procurement process and specified in tender documentation where feasible.
- Working with our contractors and suppliers to reduce waste production and increase the amount of recycling taking place on each site. The University's Supplier Sustainability Charter outlines specific supplier requirements with regards to sustainability, including waste and resource management.
- Ensuring that sufficient training schemes and awareness programs are in place for our colleagues and contractors to help us meet our waste management targets.
- Continuing to work with relevant internal parties to implement improvements to our waste management such as students, Students Union and colleagues from across the University.
- Monitoring and reporting on waste production and disposal routes on a monthly basis.

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