

Waste and Recycling Policy

Scope
This Policy applies to all waste generated at the University of East Anglia (UEA) campus, located at NR4 7TJ.

Policy
<p>1. Introduction</p> <p>This Waste and Recycling Policy sets out the UEA’s commitment to responsible waste management that promotes recycling and reduces the amount of waste going into the non-recyclable waste streams in accordance with the hierarchy shown below.</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Most preferable option</p> <p>Prevention: Only buying what you need – consider whether there is an opportunity to borrow or rent items rather than purchasing.</p> <p>Preparing for re-use: Checking, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing – whole items and spare parts.</p> <p>Recycling: Making waste available as a new raw material/substance including composting.</p> <p>Recovery: Anaerobic digestion, incineration for energy and material recovery.</p> <p>Disposal: Landfill and incineration without recovery.</p> <p>Least preferable</p> </div> <p><i>Waste hierarchy from Defra Guidance document for Waste Regulation 2011</i></p>


2. Policy Statement

The University supports the management of waste to meet environmental targets and sustainability goals. This includes promoting the principles of waste prevention through a reduce, reuse, and recycle approach, as well as engaging with the University community to encourage sustainable procurement practices that minimize the UEA's environmental impact.

We commit to:

- Managing all UEA waste generated on site without endangering human health and harming the environment.
- Engaging with the UEA community to encourage and influence behavioural change to reduce resource usage and consumption patterns.
- Ensuring that all waste streams are handled, stored, treated, and disposed of as laid out under the Duty of Care for waste.
- Repairing and reusing, where possible, those assets capable of being utilised internally within the UEA. Or resell or gift them to third parties.

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