

Waste and Recycling Policy

Scope

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

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1. Introduction

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 stream in accordance with the waste hierarchy shown in below.

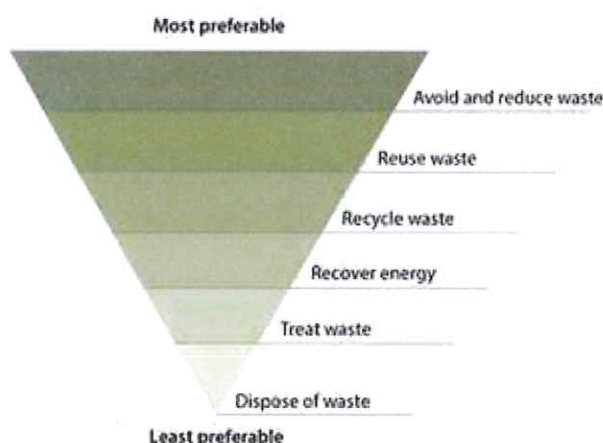


Figure 1 Waste hierarchy

Avoid and reduce waste: Only buying what you need – consider whether there is an opportunity to borrow or rent items rather than purchasing.

Re-use: Checking, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing – whole items and spare parts.

Recycling: Making waste available as a new raw material/substance including composting.

Recovery: Anaerobic digestion, incineration with energy recovery, which produces energy (fuels, heat, power) and material from waste.

Disposal: Landfill and incineration without recovery.

2. Policy Statement

The University supports the management of waste to meet environmental targets and sustainability goals. This includes the continued promotion of the reduce, reuse, and recycle approach and engagement with the campus community to make sustainable purchasing decisions to minimize the UEA's environmental impact and ensuring that all generated waste is handled, stored and disposed of correctly.

This Policy document reflects the UEA's waste management strategic approach, reflecting its commitment to responsible sustainability practices. The processes regarding specific waste streams and the Duty of Care are detailed in the Waste and Recycling Procedure, which is accessible through the Estates intranet.

These resources serve to guide and support operational practices, ensuring that waste management is carried out in accordance with established protocols and regulations and in line with the intent of the UEA's sustainability strategy:

- Enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing for staff, students and visitors; making the UEA desirable place to live, work, study and visit.
- 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 pattern.
- Ensuring that all waste streams are handled, stored, treated, and disposed of as laid out under the Duty of Care for waste.
- Where possible, repair and reuse those assets capable of being utilised internally within the UEA or resell or gift to external third parties.

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