

Better recycling – less waste

We've changed for good.

To increase recycling rates, the University is rolling out a new waste and recycling campaign 'better recycling – less waste'.

This project involves the removal of individual desk bins and new waste and recycling stations in central locations throughout offices and teaching spaces.

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Meet our recycling family.



You've probably noticed the new recycling bins around the Uni. Well, now we're making recycling much more accessible for staff and students with brightly coloured and labelled yellow, red and blue bins.

We want to do a better job of recycling and waste management, and need a little help from everyone.

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Help! Where's my bin?!

Removing individual desk bins and changing to central waste collection will save approximately 500,000 plastic bin liners every year!

This helps everyone take care of their own waste and separate recycling, just like at home. We need your help to create 'better recycling – less waste' on campus.

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Better recycling

Currently our general waste is taken to a sorting facility where recyclable materials are separated from waste (that goes to landfill). Only 69% is correctly recycled. Our new approach will help the University achieve recycling rates over 80%.



Less waste

Centralising waste collection and removing individual desk bins will save approximately 500,000 plastic bin liners every year! It also reduces cleaning time and costs.



What's different?

We're now asking staff and students to take their own waste and recycling to the red waste and yellow recycling stations located around campus. Used paper and cardboard still need to go in the blue paper wheelie bins located near all printer rooms and photocopiers.

'Better recycling – less waste' is easy to achieve when you next take a break. Healthy Sydney University and Safety Health and Wellbeing (SHW) support this initiative as it encourages everyone to take necessary micro-breaks from sitting at a desk to reduce eye strain and muscle tension.

Recycling.

Recycling gives our resources a second chance. Look for the blue and yellow bins located around campus.

- Plastic bottles and containers (including yoghurt and take-away containers)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aluminium, steel and aerosol cans
- Milk and juice cartons
- Used paper towels and tissues (no wipes).



Paper recycling.

Boxes are available for any work areas that aren't close to a blue paper recycling bin.

A staff member will need to empty it into a blue recycling (wheelie) bin. To order one for your area, lodge a request through Campus Assist.

- Clean or printed paper (no need to remove staples)
- Magazines, newspapers and books
- Envelopes (including ones with plastic windows)
- Confidential documents need to be put into secure paper bins or shredded.



Tips

- The blue bin is only for clean, used paper and cardboard. Paper or cardboard with food or grease on it needs to go in the yellow bin where it will be recycled separately.

Landfill waste.

If it can't be recycled, it must be waste. Everything thrown into the landfill bin will be dumped and buried.

- Plastic bags, packaging, wrappers and straws
- Disposable coffee cups
- Styrofoam cups and containers
- Pens and pencils
- Wipes and nappies
- Food scraps, bones and meats.



Tips

- You can help us reduce waste by bringing your own coffee cups, water bottles and lunch containers.
- Help reduce the plastic bags going to landfill each year by bringing your own reusable shopping bags.

The rest.

University of Sydney has dedicated bins for recycling batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges, clean styrofoam packaging, light bulbs, electronic waste, construction waste and hazardous waste.

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