



Nottingham Trent
University

Sustainability

Waste Policy

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1. Introduction

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) generates a number of different waste streams across its campuses. Due to the negative environmental impacts associated with generating waste and waste disposal, NTU is committed to reducing these impacts through effective management of these waste streams. This is done through a variety of different measures:

2. Following the Waste Hierarchy

NTU encourages staff, students and visitors to consider all options before disposing of waste:

- Reduce – reduce the amount of materials you use and avoid the need to throw anything away altogether
- Reuse – see if someone else has a use for your items, or think of an alternative use for them
- Recycle – if you have to throw your waste away, make use of the recycling options available throughout the University
- Recovery – when materials cannot be recycled or reused they can be converted into energy, for example through anaerobic digestion
- Dispose – as a last resort, waste is processed and used as fossil fuel replacement. 99% of NTU's waste disposed of via its main waste contractor is diverted away from landfill.

3. Recycling Systems

Recycling bins are available across all campuses. These are for:

- Mixed Recycling
- General Waste (Non-Recyclable)
- Food Waste
- Glass
- Batteries

4. Hazardous Waste

This waste contains materials or substances which could be harmful to human health or the environment. It must therefore be collected, stored and disposed of separately to non-hazardous waste. It must be collected by contractors who are licenced to deal with this type of waste.

5. Duty of Care

As a producer of waste, NTU has a duty of care to ensure all of its waste is managed responsibly. Its storage, collection and disposal must be compliant with all relevant waste legislation.

6. Waste Monitoring

All waste produced at the University is weighed by our contractors. The data generated from these collections is then used to set [objectives and targets](#) which forms part of NTU's Environmental Management System.

These policies are currently in place across NTU, and will be reviewed and aligned during 2024/25 as part of our EMS continual improvement efforts.

Signed:



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