



Nottingham Trent  
University

Sustainability

# Waste Policy

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## 1. Introduction

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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

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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

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

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

## 4. Hazardous Waste

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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

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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

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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.

## 7. Waste EMS Objectives 2022-23

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Impact	Objective	Target
Resource depletion	Reduce waste to landfill and implement the waste hierarchy	Reduce the amount of waste produced per student/staff by 10% during 2022/23 compared to 2018/19
		To divert over 5,000kg worth of items and equipment from the waste streams for reuse
		50% onsite recycling segregation for scheduled collections during 2021/22
		To produce a site waste management plan for all internally managed construction projects over £500k in value, driving best practice in identifying reuse and recycling opportunities
		99% diversion from landfill (excluding hazardous waste)

Signed:



Steve Denton, Chief Operating Officer and Registrar

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