

The University of Warwick Estates Office

Waste and Resources Statement of Principles

The Estates Waste and Resources Statement of Principles has been developed to provide the University community with a clear understanding of the University's position within the framework of legislation and good practice and adhere to the Way to Sustainable Strategy.

The term 'waste and resource management' in this Statement reflects the fact that all resources should be managed to the maximum of their use before being seen as waste. Management of waste and resources contributes to the circular economy and contributes toward the University target of achieving net zero carbon emissions from scope 3 by 2050

It sets the standards on how to manage waste and recyclables produced from University-related activities to ensure they are generated, stored, removed, treated and disposed of according to legislative requirements and the best practicable environmental option.

This applies to all University Estates Office activities, on and off University premises, or any third parties providing relevant supplies or services.

The University of Warwick has a duty to comply with waste management regulations including:

- **Environmental Protection Act 1990**, which imposes a duty of care on persons concerned with handling waste. This Duty of Care affects anyone who produces, imports, carries, keeps, treats or disposes of controlled waste.
- **Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011**, which states that producers of waste are required to apply the "Waste Hierarchy": Prevent waste, Reuse, Recycle, Recover and Dispose as the last resort.
- **Specific regulations** set out for specialised waste streams such as The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (WEEE) Regulations 2013.
- **Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England 2018**, part of the 25 Year Environment Plan, which sets out how England plans to double resource productivity and eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds (including plastic waste) by 2050.

This statement is linked to other University policies and arrangements such as:

- The University of Warwick Sustainability Strategy
- The Estates Waste and recycling Strategy
- The University's Hazardous Waste Policy
- University Confidential waste (paper or IT) and GDPR principles
- University of Warwick's and the Estates Office Environmental Policy statement and Climate Emergency Declaration

This statement is supported by arrangements, instructions and guidance on waste and resources management, which are available via the relevant University and Estates webpages (warwick.ac.uk/sustainability and warwick.ac.uk/recycling).

It is the duty of all staff and people using associated services provided by the Estates Office including students, contractors, suppliers, tenants to comply, as far as it is appropriate, with the statement, arrangements, together with any other rules, procedures, contracts, leases, code of conduct and guidance that may apply.

Core Principles

1. Waste should be prevented or minimised wherever possible.
 - a. Sustainable procurement principles should apply to minimise generation of waste in the first instance.
 - b. opportunities for reuse should be enabled when appropriate.
2. If waste can't be avoided, the waste hierarchy should be applied:
 - a. Recycling
 - b. Recovery
 - c. Disposal as a last resort
3. All waste should be properly identified and segregated to prevent mixing of incompatible materials and to allow for donation and recycling.
4. All waste should be disposed of in the appropriate container, collected and disposed of in accordance with legislation and University arrangements.
5. Hazardous waste such as WEEE, batteries, lamps, etc. should be segregated out in appropriate containers and not be disposed of in general waste or mixed recycling containers.
6. Data collection and monitoring will be performed to provide assessment against waste and resource targets to ensure continuous improvement.

This statement will be available on the Estates intranet and externally on request

Review

This statement of principles is dated 28th October 2024 will be reviewed at least annually.

Signed



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