



Waste and Recycling

HELPFUL BACKGROUND INFO

1. WCU contracts with J.P. Mascaro & Sons for waste and recyclables pickup
 - a. Waste is disposed at the Pioneer Crossing Landfill in Birdsboro, PA, which captures, compresses, filters and dries methane gas to generate electricity
 - b. Recyclables are taken to the TotalRecycle Materials Recovery Facility in Berks County
2. We have a single stream recycling system: paper, glass, flexible plastic packaging, cardboard, plastic, and metal containers all go in 1 bin
3. Flexible plastic packaging – pouches, wraps and bags – can really be recycled at WCU!
4. Contamination of recycling bins with non-recyclables such as food or liquids makes recycling more expensive and difficult
5. The Sustainability Council's Zero Waste Committee is working to develop Zero Waste Guidelines for university operations
6. IS&T coordinates recycling of retired university electronic devices
7. WCU partners with PAR-Recycle Works to recycle personal electronics

CHECKLIST OF TO-DOS

- Share with staff, faculty and students information about good recycling practices
- Post excess office supplies on Ram Swap instead of trashing them
- Encourage employees to
 - Minimize paper use by distributing documents digitally and, when hard copies are needed, specify double-sided printing
 - Use centralized Multi-Function Printers
 - Select swag for events after considering the environmental and social impacts of products
- Use rechargeable batteries in office devices to reduce the need for one-time use batteries
- Recycle toner cartridges and obsolete electronics (monitors, printers, keyboards, computer mice, cables, etc.)
- Discourage:
 - Vendors from sending printed or physical promotional materials
 - Use of single serving coffee brewers, or have reusable filters to avoid single-use plastics
 - Use of individual desktop printers

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HELP

Facilities Recycling Information

Equipment Recycling in IS&T's Service Now

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