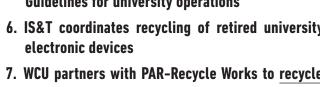


Waste and Recycling

HELPFUL BACKGROUND INFO

CHECKLIST OF TO-DOS

- 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: aper, 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



- 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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