

# Waste Management Policy

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**Summary/Description:**

The University is committed to further reducing its impact on the environment by ensuring its waste is managed in an effective and sustainable manner and will incorporate environmental sustainability through its Education for Sustainable Development Programme into all areas of the curriculum.

## Introduction

The Waste Management Policy has been produced in support of the University of Winchester's Carbon Management Plan, Sustainable Development Policy and Environment Strategy.

## Policy Statement

The University is committed to further reducing its impact on the environment by ensuring its waste is managed in an effective and sustainable manner and will incorporate environmental sustainability through its Education for Sustainable Development Programme into all areas of the curriculum.

The University is committed to the prevention of pollution.

The University shall ensure that all waste management activities for all waste streams comply with relevant legislation.

The University shall maintain zero to landfill waste disposal.

The University is committed to achieving a target of 80% recycled waste.

## Policy Implementation

In order to meet legal obligations and recycling aspirations, the University requires all staff, students, contractors and visitors to comply with the Waste Management Policy and associated operational procedures.

The University will manage its waste in accordance with the waste hierarchy system and will ensure appropriate procedures are in place to manage all waste streams.

Waste Hierarchy: Prevention, Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Recover, Disposal

Each member of the University, staff, student and visitor must take reasonable steps to adhere to the waste hierarchy system and consider all options with emphasis being put on Prevention and Reduction, the last resort being Disposal.

Waste contractors will be required to provide the University with good quality accurate data on weight, type and disposal methods for waste streams. The University will monitor and report on the data.

The University will work towards adopting a Circular Economy approach to managing its waste. This will be through a number of principles, including extending the life of what's already been made, turning waste into a resource, applying whole-life costing and collaborating with supply chain partners through sustainable procurement processes.