

Recycling at Salford



This is a quick guide about recycling at the University of Salford, along with some tips to help you generate less waste and links to useful resources.

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What we can recycle

Paper

This includes paper sheets, greeting cards, envelopes, newspapers, magazines, leaflets and junk mail. All of these items can be recycled, so throw them into the blue paper recycling bins.

Tip: To reduce the amount of paper you use, take your notes on a laptop or tablet. If that's not an option, use the back of printed handouts from lectures and seminars instead of buying new notebooks.

Plastic bottles

The only plastic items which can be recycled on our campuses are plastic bottles – these should be disposed of in the green mixed recycling bins.

Tip: Get a reusable bottle. There's a number of water fountains on our campuses where you can refill your bottle for free – find them on the campus map here. And if you're looking for ways to reduce your use of single-use plastics, join or follow our Plastic Free UoS campaign.

If in doubt...

If you're ever unsure if an item is recyclable and don't have an opportunity to check, it's always best to choose the general waste bin.

That's to avoid what's called "wishful recycling", where non-recyclable items accidentally end up in recycling bins. This often leads to the whole waste loads from recycling bins being deemed "contaminated" by non-recyclable items and sent to landfill instead of being recycled.



Shopping bags

Keep them to reuse, or take them to a supermarket which has got a collection point – you can find these here.

Tip: Try to avoid using single use plastic bags. Instead, if you can, switch to alternatives, such as a fabric tote bag or one of the sturdier, better quality shopping bags which you can get at supermarkets. If you do need to use a plastic bag, make sure to make the most out of its product life by reusing it when grocery shopping.



Cans & tins

Both steel and aluminium food and drinks cans and tins can be recycled in the green mixed recycling bins. Please empty and rinse these before throwing them in the bin.

Books

Books should not be disposed of in the general waste. Contact the Sustainability Office if you have any books you no longer want and they will be donated.

Tip: Instead of buying new books, or throwing the old ones away, why not swap books with your course mates? And if you need to buy a book, check if you can get a second hand copy online, for example on Facebook Marketplace or Vinted.

Cardboard

Cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed next to the indoor recycling bins.

Tip: If you've got enough room for storage, keep the boxes you used when moving into your accommodation or house share, until you need to move again or transport items (e.g. to be donated).

Chewing gum

Place it in the pink Gumdrops bins around campus to be collected and recycled.

Clothing

We have two charity collection points at Frederick Road campus (TRAID) and Peel Park Quarter (Salvation Army).

Electrical equipment

This includes IT equipment such as USB sticks, as well as kitchen appliances, phones, etc. Don't dispose of these items by yourself as they can't go into the general waste bin. Instead, get in touch with our team.

Batteries

Batteries can't be disposed of in the general waste. Get in touch with us and we'll help you dispose of these.

Glass

For small amounts of glass items (e.g., a single glass jar or bottle), use the green mixed recycling bin. For larger amounts, please contact our team and we'll take care of it for you. To dispose of broken glass, wrap it securely in strong paper or a box, label it, and place it next to a waste bin.

What we can't recycle

Cling film and kitchen foil

While you can't recycle these on campus, some supermarkets (such as Co-op) have the option of recycling these.

Coffee cups

To hold hot drinks, coffee cups have a plastic lining inside. Unfortunately, that makes them nonrecyclable so these should be disposed of in general waste bins.

Tip: Get a reusable cup. There's a large number of options to choose from and you can purchase one of these in most catering outlets on campus. The coffee shops on campus also offer a discount to customers who bring their own cup!

Sandwich packets

Unfortunately, these cannot be recycled and should go to in general waste bin.

Tip: Make your lunch at home and carry it in a reusable container instead – this way you can reduce waste and save money.

More information

Recycling in Salford



bit.ly/RecycleSalford

Recycling quiz



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