

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE AT UNSW

What UNSW is doing

Minimising waste and maximising resource recovery opportunities are critical elements of UNSW's sustainability strategy.

UNSW recycles and reuses a wide range of materials. This is how UNSW deals with reuse and recyclable waste:

Paper and cardboard recycling

All paper and cardboard used at UNSW can be recycled by placing it in the blue paper and cardboard recycling bins. UNSW staff can also get an AMCOR under desk paper recycling box.

To get a paper recycling box contact FM Assist, collect one from the Stationary Re-use Centre (Room QUAD1001A, Level 1, Quadrangle Building) or outside the Sustainability Office (room 224A Chancellery) or by special request email recycling@unsw.edu.au. If your work area needs a larger 140 or 240 litre blue bin marked for recycling paper and cardboard email: recycling@unsw.edu.au

E-waste

UNSW runs an E-Waste recycling program. To recycle your e-waste (computers, monitors, key boards, printers etc) complete a Request for Works and Services (RWS) form.

Electronic waste collected by UNSW that can't be reused is taken to SIMS Metal in Villawood by a contractor.

Batteries

UNSW Sustainability runs a domestic battery recycling collection service for UNSW staff and students. Collection bins are located in FM Assist, ARC reception or CONTACT, UNSW's information and referral service, Level 2, East Wing, Quad Building, next to the Basser Steps.

Mobile Phones

UNSW Sustainability provides a mobile phone recycling collection service for staff and students. Collection bins are located in FM Assist, ARC reception. CONTACT, UNSW's information and referral service, Level 2, East Wing, Quad Building, next to the Basser Steps.

Printer Toner Cartridges

There are more than 80 collection boxes for recycling printer toners throughout UNSW. Two companies provide this free collection and recycling service. A list of collection box locations can be found at www.sustainability.edu.au/resources

To arrange for a collection box in your work area contact **Cara Toner** or **Planet Ark/Close the Loop directly**.

Recycling of plastic and aluminium

UNSW provides recycling of plastic, glass or aluminium beverage containers via Reverse Vending Machines. Plastic and aluminium collected in the Reverse Vending Machines are taken from campus by Envirobank and recycled free of charge.

Recycling of glass

UNSW recycles glass beverage bottles collected from the Roundhouse, Goldstein College, New College, Scientia and Roundhouse Bar.

To arrange for glass recycling service contact Facilities Management on **Extension 511** or email: recycling@unsw.edu.au.



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Fluorescent and other lights

UNSW separates and arranges for the recycling and responsible disposal of lighting including fluorescent lights, CFL, incandescent, halogen and discharge light bulbs/lamps and associated ballasts and transformers, High Intensity Discharge lamps (HIDs) and metal halide.

To arrange for a collection and responsible disposal of fluorescent light tubes or other lighting waste contact **Spotless 93852775** or **FM Maintenance Response 9385 3485**.

Garden Waste

Green waste generated from tree maintenance and green keeping is processed on campus into woodchips for use back on garden beds. UNSW also uses organic fertilisers for the gardens, lawns and sports fields. Other garden organic waste and untreated timber is transported for reprocessing as organic waste via an organics processing facility at David Phillips Field.

Food Waste

Cooking oil is collected from some food outlets and processed into bio-diesel. The waste oil is collected at no cost to UNSW. On average between 500-800 litres of cooking oil is collected each month during session and 100 -250 litres out of session.

Furniture Re-use

UNSW runs a Furniture Re-use Centre where furniture no longer required by UNSW is removed for storage and cataloguing for later reuse. Furniture is stored offsite, with external storage provider, and can be viewed and searched online then ordered for reuse by UNSW staff, free of charge.

To donate furniture complete an online Request for Works and Services (RWS). To search for items and reuse furniture logon to the UNSW Furniture Re-use centre here: www.anstorage.com.au/unsw/unswwlogin.asp

Stationary Re-use

UNSW Stationary Re-use Centre is in room 1001 of the Quad (downstairs from CONTACT) and is managed by ARC volunteers. Stationary is donated by UNSW staff and corporations. This is a successful student volunteer initiative. For further details check out the Stationary Re-use Centre website: www.arc.unsw.edu.au/Stationary-Reuse-121.aspx

Heater Swap

FM Energy Unit and Security have teamed up to run a Heater Swap Program so staff can obtain efficient replacement heaters for their old, inefficient and unsafe heaters.

For further details go here: www.energy.unsw.edu.au/SwapProgram.shtml

