



RECYCLING ON CAMPUS

These briefing papers describe sustainability actions at the University of Bradford as part of the development of our Ecovercity programme.

These papers are developed through The Sustainable Education Directorate together with the University staff and students featured inside, and are part of our commitment to improving communication around Ecovercity.

Comments and feedback are welcome and should be sent to: ecoversity@bradford.ac.uk

Where can I recycle on campus?

There are a number of places on campus that you can recycle. There are external facilities and in building systems. The main external facility can be found in the Shearbridge car-park on the main Campus. This is the car park next to Great Horton Road and the Sports Centre. This facility is run jointly by Bradford Council and the University – with collections made monthly by Bradford Council.

There are also smaller facilities dotted on major pathways around Campus - these are green bins with lift up lids.

Inside all buildings on Campus you will find clusters of recycling bins. These were introduced last year and have seen our recycling rates increase significantly.

What can I recycle where?

Shearbridge Site
Paper, card, plastic bottles, cans, clothes and glass
Campus Green Bins
Paper, card, plastics, metals, glass
In building systems
Paper, card, plastics, metals, glass

Other recycling systems:

- **Batteries** – these are collected at main communal points such as in the Atrium and can also be sent through internal mail to the Estates Department
- **CD/DVDs** – these are collected by that School of Computing, Informatics and Media and should be taken to the Tech Support office – Horton D2.25
- **Electrical Waste** – smaller items can be sent through the internal mail to Estates, for larger items contact ancillary services
- **Food Waste** – food wastes will soon be collected from catered areas and will be extended to all staff and student kitchens in 2010.

Where does our recycling go and what does it get turned into?

Our main waste contractor is Leeds Paper Recycling- although they take away waste other than paper.

- **Paper** is sent to mills in England, France and Germany and is turned into paper products.
- **Newspaper** is sent to Norfolk for animal bedding.
- **Cardboard** is sent to mills in China and India.
- **Plastics** is sorted into the many different kinds and turned into new products.
- **Glass** is turned into aggregate and used in construction.
- **Metal** is sorted into types and used as scrap, melted down and used as new products.
- **Clothes** are collected by Oxfam and re-used as clothes where possible otherwise used as textile packing for items such as car seats.

(for more information see <http://www.leedspaperrecycling.co.uk>)

Recycling Performance at the University of Bradford

The University generates around 550 tonnes of waste each year (excluding construction waste). We have improved our recycling rate from 25% in 2007 to an average of 56% in 2008/9. Our target is to increase our recycling rate to 80% by 2014. We will achieve this by:

- Removing food waste from landfill and turning it into compost.
- Improving the use of the recycling system.
- Removing waste at source – e.g. packaging.

Student Green Move Out?

The Green Move Out project is a programme for re-using the things that students leave behind at the end of the year in their Halls. The 2009 Green Move Out re-used 250kg of items including clothes, books, kitchen equipment, toiletries, electronics and more, which was all given to Cancer Research.

<http://www.brad.ac.uk/admin/ecoversity/greenmoveout.php>

Further advice

If you have any queries about the recycling on campus or have ideas on how to improve it please call x3001 (Estates helpdesk) or contact Ben Tongue University Environmental Manager at b.tongue@bradford.ac.uk