Recycling and Waste Minimisation

The University of Queensland seeks to minimise waste going to landfill. Strategies to reduce waste are:

Source reduction
- Reduce packaging and return to suppliers
- Print double-sided and think before you print
- Purchase wisely and efficiently

Reuse
- Before you recycle or dispose of an item, consider whether you or others can reuse it.

Recycle
- Property and Facilities Division provides a range of recycling options for UQ staff and students.

Recycling - what you can do

Recycle plastics, glass and cans. Bins are located in tea rooms in buildings and in public areas on campus. Items to recycle include:

Glass
- All clear, green and amber glass bottles e.g. soft drink, wine, beer
- All glass jars
- Clear glass sauce bottles

Aluminium Cans

Plastics
- Recycle plastics stamped with the Plastics ID Code (1-7)

Paper

Two types of paper recycling bins are available:
- Non secure paper - use grey bins
- Confidential paper - use locked orange bins

To obtain a non secure paper recycling box or bin email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au

To obtain confidential bins, Ph: 3879 4276

Cardboard

Recycle all types of cardboard except if it is waxed or glossy.
- Flatten cardboard waste and place at the designated collection point in your building for collection by P&F cleaners.
- If you are unsure where the collection point is, ask your supervisor; or
- Place it in the cardboard containers located around campus.
- For further detail, email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au

Toner and Ink Jet Cartridges

Send empty cartridges in SEALED plastic bags or boxes by internal mail to:
- P&F Central Store,
- Glasshouse Road, St Lucia campus

E-Waste (Computers and associated equipment, and some Laboratory equipment)

- Email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au with a request to collect computers and other equipment.
- Advise quantity of e-waste and details of the location where it is to be collected (Room No, Building).

E-Waste must be carefully managed. Its toxic content includes neurotoxin, carcinogens, and toxic dioxins, mercury, lead, cadmium, and lithium.

E-Waste also provides a resource recovery opportunity:
- Copper, Aluminium, Stainless Steel
- Iron and other ferrous and non-ferrous materials
- Lead and unleaded glass
- ABS and other plastics
- Lead (pure)

Property and Facilities sends E-Waste to the SIMS Recycling facility.

Polystyrene

- Store polystyrene until you have a quantity of it and then email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au with a request to collect it.
- Advise Property and Facilities the quantity and details of the location where it is to be collected (Room No, Building).

Mobile Phones

Send mobile phones by internal mail to:
- P&F Mailroom
- Glasshouse Road, St Lucia campus
Recycling and Waste Management at UQ

In 2008 the University of Queensland St Lucia campus sent 499 tonnes of waste to landfill. 27% of the waste was recyclable - 13% paper and 14% other recyclables.

Target is zero recyclable waste to landfill.

Did you know ...

With paper accounting for 13% of the general waste stream in buildings and grounds at UQ in 2008, recycling paper is one of the easiest ways to reduce recyclables going to landfill from UQ.

Recycling aluminium saves a significant amount of energy. Making aluminium cans from recycled aluminium uses only 5% of the energy needed to make the cans from the raw materials. Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours (www.alcoa.com)

View recycling and waste management information at: www.uq.edu.au/sustainability

To request recycling boxes and bins, as well as collection of E-Waste and other items, email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au

To obtain additional recycling bins for special events, email recycle@pf.uq.edu.au at least one week in advance.

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