Aston University

Aston University Waste Management Policy

Aston University is proud of our green campus and our Environmental Policy states that we will strive "To reduce all kinds of pollution through reduced waste, reduced emissions and responsible disposal".

Our Waste Management Policy and Strategy build on this objective; setting ambitious targets to reduce waste to landfill by 20% during 2010 and to achieve Zero Waste to landfill by 2012.

The University will achieve this by:

- Reviewing our purchasing practices with a view to minimising waste;
- Advising staff on the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle) and providing guidance on waste reduction techniques and reuse/recycling facilities;
- Providing adequate recycling facilities around campus;
- Ensuring that waste is stored appropriately, safely and in line with legislation;
- Ensuring that waste is disposed of responsibly and in line with legislation;
- Providing waste management training where necessary;
- Monitoring and reviewing waste streams, practices and reduction targets regularly;
- Requesting waste minimisation and recycling information in line with targets in future waste management contracts;
- Working with contractors and partners to ensure this policy is implemented across campus. Aston has signed up to the BRE SmartWaste Plan software tool www.smartwaste.co.uk; contractors are required to use this model.

This policy is supported by our Waste Management Strategy and our Sustainable Construction Brief which contains specific guidance for the minimisation and recycling of construction waste.

The policy will be implemented, monitored and reviewed by the Environment and Sustainability Team, together with the Campus Services department, the Sustainable Aston Working Group (reporting to the University Executive) and the Sustainable Procurement Working Group. In line with current procedure, the policy will be reviewed annually in June.