

# Waste Management Policy

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## 1. Scope and Purpose

- 1.1. London Metropolitan University is committed to reducing its environmental impact through the implementation of an effective Waste Management Policy. The aim of the Waste Management Policy is to ensure legislative compliance and promote environmental best practice throughout the University community in line with the requirements of the Carbon and Environmental Plan and Estates Strategy. The University is committed to practicable, continual improvement and innovation in all aspects of waste resource management.
- 1.2. The University will adopt the principles of the 'best practicable environmental option' in the delivery of its waste management services. The University will apply a 'waste hierarchical approach' to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover waste products in preference to the disposal of waste to landfill, as shown in Figure 1.



1.3. *Figure 1: Waste Hierarchy*

- 1.4. There is a legal requirement for all who produce, keep or dispose of waste of any type to comply with the various regulations (see Appendix 2) and the Duty of Care under Environmental Protection legislation. The University recognises the importance of meeting these legal requirements and to manage its waste responsibly; reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill; maximise potential for reuse and repair; and ensure all recyclable waste is recycled at local facilities where possible.

## **2. Relevant Legislation**

- 2.1. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011
- 2.2. The Environmental Protection Act 1990
- 2.3. The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005
- 2.4. The Packaging Waste Regulations 1997
- 2.5. The Separation of Waste (England) Regulations 2024
- 2.6. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2006

## **3. Key Responsibilities**

- 3.1. Ownership of this policy sits with the Director of Estates who is also responsible for implementation, monitoring, annual review and allocation of resources. The Vice Chancellor supported by the University's Senior Leadership Team will approve the policy.
- 3.2. All other Schools, departments and University functions which generate waste from campus have a responsibility to adhere to this policy and, if making arrangements for their own waste removal report the quantities of waste generated and their removal means to the Sustainability Manager.
- 3.3. The Associate Director of Estates ( Development ) has a responsibility to ensure that all capital estates projects include and adhere to appropriate site waste management and reporting plans.

## **4. Objectives**

- 4.1. The university will continue working towards the following objectives:
  - 4.1.1. Reduce the overall volume of waste generated across the university
  - 4.1.2. Ensure that waste is managed in accordance with all relevant legislative requirements, including the duty of care and to plan for future legislative changes
  - 4.1.3. Apply a 'waste hierarchical approach' where reduce, reuse and repair are first considered prior to recycling and recovery of waste products.
  - 4.1.4. Include sustainability requirements (pre-refurbishment audit and Waste Management Plans) in project briefing and contract documentation for capital projects in order to reduce impact of materials use, reduce construction waste and maximise opportunities in line with the waste hierarchy.
  - 4.1.5. Promote existing reuse schemes and develop additional re-use, repair and recycling schemes to stream more waste at source.

- 4.1.6. Minimise the use of single use plastics and remove disposable products where possible including within our supply chain and outsourced suppliers.
- 4.1.7. Measure, monitor and report recycling rates to identify where improvements can be made.
- 4.1.8. Provide effective training and information for our employees, student, contractors and stakeholders to increase engagement and participation in waste reduction initiatives and increase environmental awareness.
- 4.1.9. Manage, standardise and maintain waste and recycling facilities across the University to ensure optimal segregation of waste.
- 4.1.10. Monitor and investigate new technologies and developments in the waste and recycling sector where these may support the university's objectives

## 5. Targets and Key Performance Indicators

5.1. London Metropolitan University has set the following waste targets and KPIs as part of the Carbon and Environmental Management Plan.

KPI	Target				
	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
Reduction in overall volume of waste (tonnes)	50	100	125	150	165
Waste going to landfill (%)	0	0	0	0	0
Increased recycling rates (%)	55	65	75	75	75
Re-use of furniture and equipment via Warp-It and similar schemes (tonnes)	3	3	4	5	
Reduction in single-use plastics / disposable products on campus (%)	Baseline to be established				
Number of waste awareness initiatives	3	6	9	12	12

## 6. Hazardous Waste Management and Disposal

6.1. Please refer to the University's Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Policy for details of arrangements regarding hazardous waste.

## 7. Monitoring and review

7.1. The Waste Management Policy will be reviewed annually by the Director of Estates and revisions to annual targets will be approved by the Vice Chancellor

at the Carbon and Environmental Management Group. A full review of the policy will be undertaken every 36 months or in the event of significant changes in legislation and approved by the Vice Chancellor with the support of the Senior Leadership Team.

7.2. Waste performance will be monitored by:

- 7.2.1. Monthly reporting to the Estates Energy and Sustainability Group
- 7.2.2. Monthly operational meetings with the FM contractor / waste contractor
- 7.2.3. Quarterly reporting to the Carbon Environmental Management Group
- 7.2.4. Ongoing identification and implementation of corrective measures.
- 7.2.5. Annual reporting as part of the Estates Strategy Annual Report