

WASTE POLICY

Nottingham Trent University (NTU) has a number of different waste streams across its four* campuses. Due to the negative environmental impact caused by sending waste to landfill and wasting resources, the University is committed to reducing its impact through effective management of these waste streams. This is done through a variety of different measures:

Following the Waste Hierarchy

The University encourages staff, students and visitors to consider all options before disposing of waste:

- **Reduce** – reduce the amount of materials you use and avoid the need to throw anything away altogether
- **Reuse** – see if someone else has a use for your items, or think of alternative uses for them
- **Recycle** – if you have to throw your waste away, make use of the recycling bins available throughout the University
- **Recovery** – when materials cannot be recycled or reused they can be converted into energy, for example through anaerobic digestion
- **Dispose** – as a last resort waste is sent to landfill

Recycling Systems

Recycling bins are available across the site at all three campuses. These are for:

- Mixed Recycling
- Non-Recyclable Waste
- Food waste
- Glass

Hazardous Waste

This includes waste which could be harmful to human health and the environment and must therefore be dealt with separately to non-hazardous waste. It needs to be stored appropriately and collected by contractors who are licenced to deal with the waste.

Duty of Care

NTU has a duty of care to ensure all waste is managed responsibly, with minimum impact on the environment and is compliant with all relevant waste legislation. This includes storing our waste securely, filling out the correct paper work when transporting waste and ensuring that both the University and its waste contractors have the correct licences and permits in place.

Monitoring and setting Objectives & Targets

NTU's waste contractor weighs all waste produced at the University, which the Sustainable Development Team uses to report waste figures on an annual basis as part of the Waste Key Performance Indicator (KPI). These figures are then used to set objectives and targets aimed at minimising waste, which form part of NTU's Environmental Management System. Both the KPI and the objectives and targets are available to view on the sustainability webpages.

*NTU acquired Confetti Media Group in 2015. There is a plan to align Confetti with NTU's environmental policies by September 2018.

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