Yale follows a waste minimization hierarchy that emphasizes source reduction, then reuse, followed by recycling and composting, to minimize disposal of municipal solid waste.

In 2013, Yale diverted 40% of its total waste. As part of the Yale Sustainability Strategic Plan 2013-2016, Yale has committed to further reducing municipal solid waste and achieving a 50% waste diversion rate by June 2016. Simultaneously, Yale is committed to reducing the total volume of discarded material despite campus growth.

**Sustainable choices you can make:**

- **Eliminate excess purchases**
  Consider your purchases before contributing more material to the holistic stream.

- **BYOC (bring your own container)**
  Use your own materials to transport food, drinks, and purchases.

- **Single Stream Recycling**
  With Yale’s Single Stream Recycling, all recyclables can go into the same bin for collection. Visit recycling.yale.edu.

- **Eli Exchange**
  Give or sell unneeded supplies to other Yale Departments through the Eli Surplus Exchange. Visit surplus.yale.edu.

- **Toner Cartridge Recycling**
  Set up a toner cartridge recycling box in your office by sending a request to omxcollect@corerecycling.com.

- **Plastic shopping bags**
  Plastic bags can’t be processed in single-stream recycling.