

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.

We're diverting more.



Sustainable choices you can make:



Eliminate excess purchases

Consider your purchases before contributing more material to the holistic stream.



Eli Exchange

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



BYOC (bring your own container)

Use your own materials to transport food, drinks, and purchases.



Toner Cartridge Recycling

Set up a toner cartridge recycling box in your office by sending a request to omxcollect@corerecycling.com



Single Stream Recycling

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



Plastic shopping bags

Plastic bags can't be processed in single-stream recycling.