Waste and Recycling at Yale

The amount of discarded waste Yale produced last year

- could cover all of Old Campus in 3 ft. of trash
- could fill about 350 garbage trucks
- could fill 3 Harkness Towers
- is equal to half of Beinecke Library’s total volume

How You Can Help

- Reuse items. For example, reuse bags and stationery (such as envelopes and boxes).
- Make sure you have a recycling bin in your suite, office, and workstation.
- Avoid single use items. For example, use a reusable mug, silverware, and plates.
- Consider the durability of a product before you buy it. Cheaper, less-durable items often wear out quickly. Not only does this create waste, it costs you money.

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