



HOW IS OUR WASTE RECYCLED?

The University operates a **co-mingled recycling system**, where clean, dry recyclable items are collected together. There are black bins for non-recyclable waste. Cafés have green food waste bins.

University staff take waste from buildings to external bin stores.

Recycling and waste is collected from campus and taken to a **Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)** in East Nottingham.

Materials from both recyclable and non-recyclable bins are sorted at the MRF by size, weight and material.

Food waste in the green bins is sent for **anaerobic digestion** to produce renewable energy and biofertiliser.

Efficient sorting means over 95% of waste is **diverted from landfill**.

High quality plastic is recycled into many other products including polyester fleece and playground equipment.

Plastic items are collected together, and sent to be washed, graded and chipped, to be recycled into other products.

Low grade plastics and mixed materials are used for fuel at **energy-from-waste** plants and factories.

