

Environmental sustainability at the University of Cambridge

Information for new students

What is the University's environmental vision?

- **Vision: the University is committed to making a positive impact through outstanding environmental sustainability performance.**
- Carbon-neutral from energy use by 2050.
- No non-hazardous waste going to landfill by 2020.
- 20% reduction in water use by 2020.
- 25% reduction in per capita carbon emissions from flights by 2020.



What can be recycled?

MIXED RECYCLING

- It is not just about recycling – reducing and reusing come first.
- You can recycle all of these items in mixed recycling bins.
- Look out for posters on or near the bins. Ask...if you are ever unsure.
- There are also separate bins for glass, and for food waste.
- Batteries can also be recycled. There is a recycling point...



What can you do?

- Switch off lights and equipment when not in use. Look out for stickers showing what can be safely switched off.
- If using the kettle, only fill it with the amount of water you need.
- Dress appropriately for the season to minimise the need for additional heat or cooling.



How to get more involved

- **Green Impact**

- Awards for staff and students working to make their department/College more sustainable.
- Support a Green Impact team or complete IEMA-accredited audit training and conduct audits.

- **Living Lab**

- Research real world sustainability problems on the University estate or undertake a paid internship.

- **College**

- Ask the JCR/MCR Green Officer how you can get involved in your College.

- <http://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/students>



Summary - what is your role in creating a more sustainable Cambridge?

- **Waste** – most of the waste produced in the University can be recycled. Look out for the posters on the bins.
- **Travel** – walk, cycle or take the University-subsidised Universal bus to get around the city.
- **Food and drink** – get a Keep Cup and try the veggie/vegan options in University cafes.
- **Energy** – dress appropriately for the season and switch off lights and equipment when not in use.
- **Water** – don't leave taps running, and report any dripping taps.
- **Get more involved** – become a sustainability leader and help take things to the next level: <https://www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/students>
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