

Swansea University

Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN10 Coffee Cups

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Type	Controlled Waste
Disposal Method	Segregated for recycling
Bin/ Bag Type	Coffee Cup Bins Only

Duty of Care Requirements

Any business or public body that generates waste materials should apply the waste hierarchy to all streams in order to minimise the amount of waste sent for disposal. In practice, this means ensuring all wastes are segregated at source and disposed of via the correct stream. General municipal waste should therefore be the last option for waste.

The University has committed, to segregating its waste at source, focusing on separating key recycling streams; cans, paper, plastics, food and glass. Segregation at source improves recycle quality and also adheres to the Waste Regulations (England and Wales) 2011. The Regulations stipulate that materials such as paper, metal, plastic and glass must be collected separately if it is necessary to encourage high quality of the recycling of the material.

Over 800,000 disposable coffee cups were sold by the University's coffee outlets during the 2016/17 academic year. Coffee cups pose a challenge to the waste and recycling industry due to their composition, however the University is seeking solutions, which are logistically viable to capture the high volume of disposal cup produced for recycling.

Disposal Instructions

Do not place use coffee cups into the University's 'Paper' compartment of the internal or external quad and duo bins across campus. By doing this paper and cardboard waste is contaminated and therefore can no longer be recycled.

Please only place coffee cups into the coffee cup recycling bins located across campus, and the external black coffee cup wheelie bins.

Internal Bins



Figure 1 – Swansea University coffee cup bins and “quad” bins

External Bins



Figure 2 – Swansea University external “quad” bins and external contractor bin

To help reduce the volumes of disposable coffee cups generated by the University, use a Keep Cup and receive 25p off every coffee you purchase.

Disposal Cost

The disposal cost is factored into the University’s waste management service provision; therefore there is no direct cost to individuals/Faculties/PSUs. However individuals can minimise cost and contribute the University’s target to achieve 63% diversion rate away EFW or landfill by utilising the general waste stream only when required.

Labelling

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For further guidance please contact estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk

