Campus Waste
Management: B.A's,
M.A.'s, Ph.D.'s and
the 4R's



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## REDUCE

## Reuse

## recycle





# What do we do?



## Ontario Regulation 103/94 - PART X

### **EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

- 1. Aluminium cans
- 2. Cardboard
- 3. Fine paper
- 4. Glass bottles and jars
- 5. Newsprint
- 6. Steel food or beverage cans

It's not just...

Paper Bottles & Cans Cardboard

Paper Bottles & Cans Cardboard Electronics **CARTRIDGES** Organics Light bulbs & tubes Scrap wood

Scrap Metal

YARD WASTE Batteries **PALETTES** Animal Bedding **Plastics** Lurniture Coffee Cups Laboratory Glass & **Plastic** 

Concrete

Asphalt **Tires** SOIL & PLANTS

ROCKS Polystyrene

Office Supplies

Books

... AND COUNTING



# How do we do it?



### **Caretaking**

- **collects** material inside buildings
- brings to collection area

### Recycling staff

- \* picks up at collection areas
- \* special pickups and deliveries

### Grounds

cleans up outside buildings

### Campus movers

large items and clean outs across campus















### "If it grows, it goes!"





MIXED PAPER 🥸

DEPOSIT ALL PAPER FOR RECYCLING HERE

✓ YES (deposit here) X NO (DO NOT deposit here)

**✗** ANYTHING NOT MADE FROM TREES &...

**X** GARBAGE NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES/JOURNALS

**✓** EMPTY PAPER BAGS

X CARBON & WAXED PAPER X BACKING FOR STICKY LABELS

**X** PADDED ENVELOPES

✓ POST-IT NOTES/STICKY LABELS

X PLASTIC/FOAM CUPS

✓ FINE, COLOURED & FAX PAPERS

**X** CANDY WRAPPERS

✓ WINDOW & PAPER ENVELOPES

✓ FILE FOLDERS & GLOSSIES

✓ PHOTOCOPY PAPER & WRAPPERS

✓ PAPER TOWELS & TISSUES

**RECYCLE SEPARATELY** 

PAPER COFFEE CUPS - NO LIDS

**BOTTLES & CANS (designated bins)** 

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD (hallways)** 

NO Bottles NO Cans NO Garbage U OF T WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING INFO LINE 416-978-7080 **WASTE MANAGEMENT 416-946-5711** 







## The big stuff



### NON-HAZARDOUS, LABORATORY GLASS AND PLASTICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

**NON-HAZARDOUS** glass and plastic items used in laboratories can be recycled!







GLASS may be placed in the TEAL toters.

PLASTIC can go into the ORANGE toters.

This includes items such as, - though not limited to - test tubes, Petri dishes, pipettes and pipette racks, boxes, trays, bottles and jars.

Please ensure that items are **CLEAN, TRIPLE RINSED!** 

**NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS!** 

**NO GARBAGE! NO GLOVES!** 





## Getting the message out



SOIUTION reduce, reuse, recycle, re-think



### **GET INVOLVED!**

To become more involved with environmental issues at U of T, please contact any or all of the following groups:

### The Sustainability Office

The Sustainability Office (www.sustainability.utoronto.ca) was launched in 2004 with the goal of substantially reducing the consumption of energy on the St. George campus. The Sustainability Office seeks to engage students, staff and faculty at the University in various environmental

The Office also advises the University administration on ways to improve the environmental practices of the University and meet the objectives set out in the University's Environmental Protection Policy.

Contact the Sustainability Office at 416-946-5335 or e-mail sustainability@utoronto.ca.

### **Environmental Coordinators (ECs)**

ECs act as liaisons between their own offices, departments or faculties and the Office of Waste Management. Call 416-946-5711 to join.

### **Environmental Students Union (ENSU)**

ENSU is a student group that take and represents students in env Visit their web site at www.utc

University of Toronto Envir (UTERN) is an umbrella orga environment-oriented groups and Scarborough campuses.

A full list of groups that focus sustainability on campus can https://ulife.utoronto.ca/inte environment

### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2014, the University of Toronto achieved a waste diversion rate 70.58%. If used to full capacity, our programs could divert over 90% of our waste from landfill. The

University of Toronto is one of the greenest institutions in the country and has recycled enough paper to equal a forest the size of the campus. Monthly, the University recycles an average of over 40 metric tonnes of paper. The University of Toronto was one of the first universities in North America to adopt an Environmental Protection Policy: www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/enviro.htm

### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Campus Moving 416-978-0955

Grounds Services 416-978-2329

Environmental Protection Services (radioactive, biological chemical hazards) 416-946-3473 - NEVER pour chemicals

Environmental Health and Safety

### recycling services





### solution

### REDUCE

The first and best thing you can do. You can directly reduce your waste by NOT purchasing products or packaging that will quickly become waste. Avoid disposables. DON'T PRINT YOUR E-MAILS! Buy in bulk. Be aware of your consumption. When printing & photocopying use both sides of every page. Cancel paper copies of item such as catalogues and phone books which can be accessed digitally.

Eat where they offer china service. Lug a mug! Some coffee shops give discounts for using and will fill up your mug instead of using a disposable cup. Contact the Recycling office at 416-946-5711 to get a reusable mua.

Use BOTH sides of every piece of paper, Instead of throwing out surplus equipment, supplies and furniture, send it to the SWAP SHOP. Why buy new? Pick up a good quality item here.

### RECYCLE

All types of batteries are collected for recycling by the Chemical Safety Department. There are a number of domed top containers around campus where they may be dropped off. A complete list may be found on the recycling website: www.fs.utoronto.ca. recycle/rrrr/battcyc.htm

### Bottles, Cans, Cartons, Tubs

Aluminum, steel, glass and plastic beverage containers, empty paint and aerosol cans, milk & juice cartons, drink boxes, plastic tubs and lids, and food grade polystyrene are collected in designated bins inside and outside campus buildings. For more details see here: www.fs.utoronto.ca/recycle/rrrr.htm

Books of all kinds, including text books, may be sent to the Swap Shop for reuse. Small quantities can be recycled in blue toters along with old phone books and journals. For large quantities call 416-946-5711.

### Coffee Cups

Paper coffee cups can be recycled in the indoor and outdoor recycling depots across campus as well as in designated containers by coffee stands and cofeterias. Please remove paper jackets and recycle them with paper. Lids and polystyrene cups (foam and clear plastic) and may be recycled with bottles & cans.

Computers, Electronics, Software and Tapes Working equipment can be reused through the Swap Shop. Broken computers/electronics can be picked up for recycling. We also recycle all software (CDs, floppy etc.) and all video & audio tapes.

### Corrugated Cardboard

Please FLATTEN YOUR BOXES and place them in hallways or designated collection areas. It is the generator's responsibility to flatten cardboard boxes. Please remove any plastic bags or wrapping.

### Fluorescent and Incandescent Lights

All lights are collected. Fluorescents contain traces of mercury. To avoid releasing mercury into our environment, we collect, store and transport our bulbs to a contractor that safely and environmentally recycles up to 98% of each lamp.

### Food Waste/Organics

Pre-consumer food waste is collected from the larger kitchens in specific containers. Post-consumer food waste is also collected in green bins across campus in cafeterias and kitchenettes. Large amounts of food waste must NOT be land filled. "If it grows, it goe Animal bedding is also collected from a select number of areas. The material is transported by our contractor and composted off campus.

### **Furniture and Supplies**

Departments disposing of surplus furniture, office equipment and supplies may send items to the Swap Shop for reuse. Broken items may be recycled as scrap wood or metal. Contact Campus Moving at 416-978-0955 for large or numerous items. Call 416-946-5711 for an assessment. All members of the University community may drop off items from campus at the Swap Shop.

Mixed paper - binder paper, computer printouts, text books, newspapers, magazines, clean paper towels & napkins, empty paper bags, Bristol board, illustration board, boxboard e.g. boxes for tissues, ink jet cartridges, cereals, snacks etc. is collected in five ways:

- in blue toters located in hallways (check list on lid)
- in blue boxes in work areas and labs
- in blue desk-side recycling containers (you are requested to mpty your own into a nearby toter or blue box!
   in 3-or 4-compartment depots located inside and outside buildings
   in large, blue, clean out toters – call 416-946-5711.

### Please remove any plastic bags or wrapping.

### Non-Hazardous Lab Glass and Plastic NON-HAZARDOUS glass and plastic items used in laboratories can be recycled. See www.fs.utoronto.ca/recycle/Non-hazardous\_Lab\_GlassandPlastics.htm for details.

Paper towels are collected from washrooms across campus and recycled through our Mixed Paper program. They may also be

Plastics not used to contain food or chemicals can be recycled through our programs. A list of acceptable items can be found at: http://www.fs.utoronto.ca/recycle/plastic.htm

### Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Polystyrene items are marked with a #6 or PS.

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Packaging Grade Polystyrene (White Styrofoam) packaging should be placed in clear plastic bags and left in designated areas.

DO NOT RECYCLE "WHMIS" LABELLED FOAM BOXES. Food grade polystyrene such as clamshells and cups may be recycled with bottles and cans.

### Printer, Fax and Photocopier Cartridges Most cartridges come with return labels and should be returned to

the manufacturer. For those without labels, departments may call Recycling for a pickup of ALL used inkjet, laser, fax machine and photocopier cartridges at 416-946-5711. Anyone may drop off cartridges at the Swap Shop, 487 Spading Avenue.

### Refrigerators & Other Equipment Containing Freon Fridges, freezers, centrifuges, ice machines, and other Freon containing equipment MUST be handled in accordance to Ministry of Environment guidelines. Call Campus Moving at 416-978-0955 for proper disposal. DO NOT REMOVE THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE

### **Rubber Tires**

Rubber tires are collected and recycled as needed.

### Swap Shop

The Swap Shop is the main reuse centre on campus. Surplus furniture, equipment and supplies are collected and stored. The Shop is open Wednesdays from September to May (excluding holidays) from 12-2 pm and allows the campus community to obtain said items. Any money collected is donated to the United Way. For more information call 416-978-7080, or visit: www.fs.utoronto.ca/recycle/swap.htm

Transparencies
Small amounts of acetate sheets used for overhead projections can be sent via campus mail to the Office of Waste Management, 255 McCaul St., 4th Floor. You may also drop them off at the Swap Shop, 487 Spadina Avenue. Please ensure they are not crumpled and that no paper separators are included.

### Wood and Metal Scrap

Small amounts can be picked up free of charge. Larger amounts will require a service order. Sort and stack items neatly in your designated area. Call 416-946-5711 for

### Wooden Pallets Pallets are collected, stored and reused. Broken or

irregular pallets are recycled.

All yard waste is collected and transported to various sites for processing. No plastic bags allowed.

### **RE-THINK**

Make thinking about waste a part of your daily routine. Question what happens to it once you've tossed it away. For more information about any of our programs please visit us at www.fs.utoronto.ca/recycle.htm

### Be creative.

Think reduce, then reuse and finally recycle. Putting something in the trash is your last resort

### **OTHER IDEAS?**

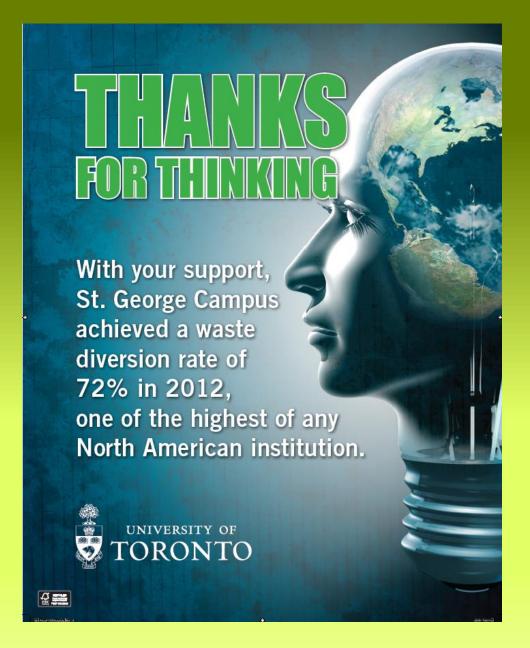
Send us your ideas for recycling other products. We'll be glad to





igo paperless • ilug a mug • i purchase wisely • i do my part • i conserve • i take charge • i care • i recycle • i blue box • i made a difference • i am proud • i thank you • i swap shop • i create • i thought twice 14.00 x 8.50 in







### **Facilities & Services**



Home Mission Values Contacts **VPUO** 

Home / Building Services & Trades / Recycling Services / Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Re-think

### REDUCE

You can directly **REDUCE** your waste by:

- reviewing your purchasing practices
  - do not purchase products that will quickly become waste
  - do not purchase products with excessive packaging or non-recyclable packaging
  - do purchase products with a high recyclable content e.g. paper
  - do purchase products close to "home" whenever possible
- avoiding disposables
- not printing your e-mails... or web-pages!
- ordering fewer catalogues / request to not have physical catalogues sent to you
- sharing with your neighbours do they have that extra note pad you're looking for?
- being aware of your consumption

### REUSE

- Use BOTH sides of every piece of paper. Scrap paper makes ideal note pads.
- Instead of throwing out surplus equipment, supplies or furniture, send it to the SWAP SHOP.
- Eat where they offer china service.

### News

- 2017 Canada's Greenest Employers
- U of T brings city together for Toronto Sustainability Summit
- 2016 Annual Awards and Recognition
- Latest UofT Waste Audit published
- EAB Recognition of 255 McCaul 4th floor office space
- F&S team awarded at CAUBO 2016

### Reports

- Sustainability Reports
- LEED Certified Buildings St. George Campus
- Customer Survey Reports

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- Eat where they offer china service.
- Lug a mug! many coffee shops give discounts for using refillable containers.
- Instead of a disposable cup, LUG-A-MUG!





### RECYCLE

### BATTERIES

Click here for information on what to do with batteries.



- Sustainability Reports
- LEED Certified Buildings St. George Campus
- Customer Survey Reports
- Deferred Maintenance Reports & Presentations

### **Projects**

- Robarts Library Energy Reduction
   Project
- MSB Energy Reduction Project
- OISE Energy Reduction Project
- Invoice Workflow Solution

### **Awards and Recognitions**

We are committed to service excellence, value for money, sustainability, health & safety and continual improvement – check out our latest awards & recognition here

### **Design Standards**

- SOP and Request Forms
- Design Standards Part One
- Design Standards Part Two



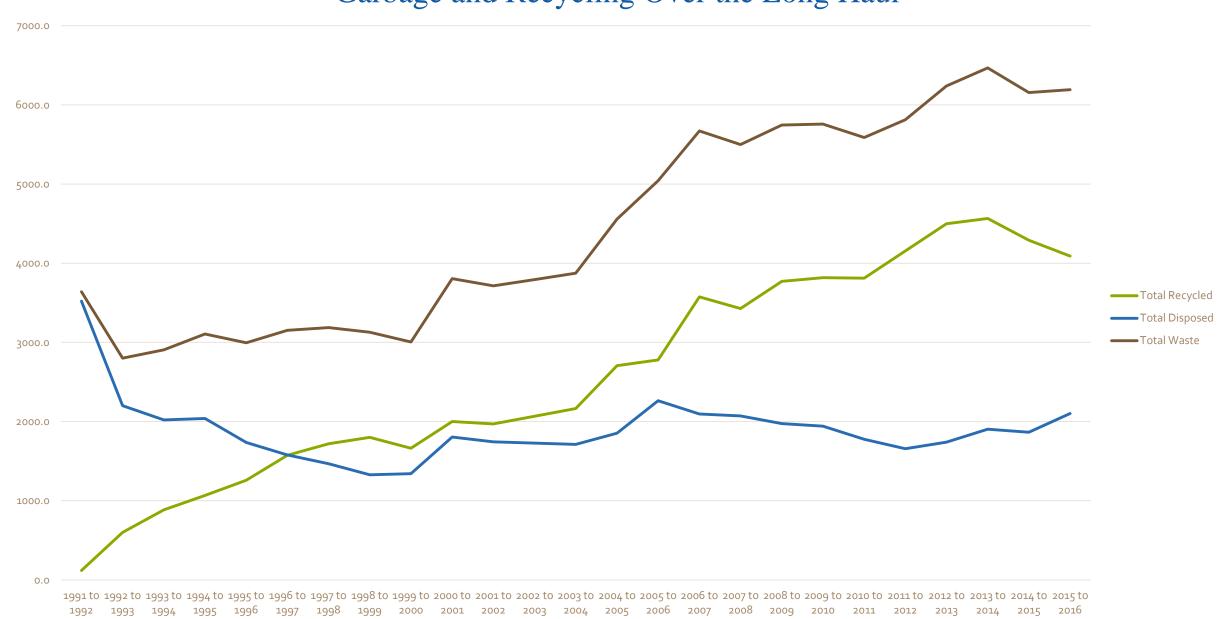




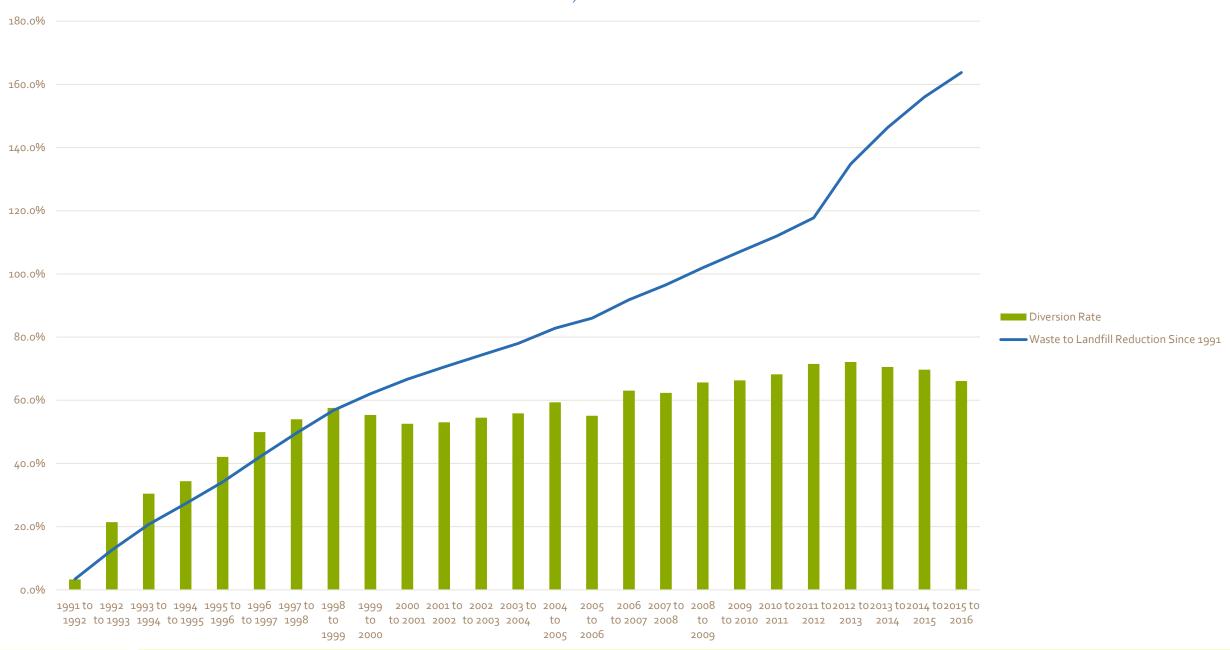
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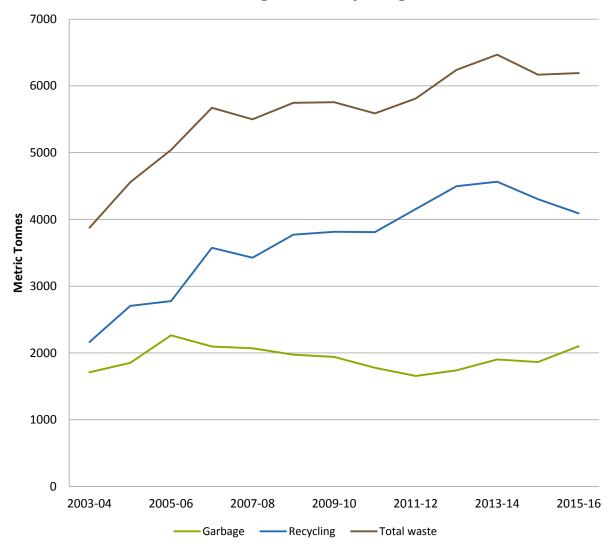
### Garbage and Recycling Over the Long Haul



### Reduced Waste, Annual Diversion Rate

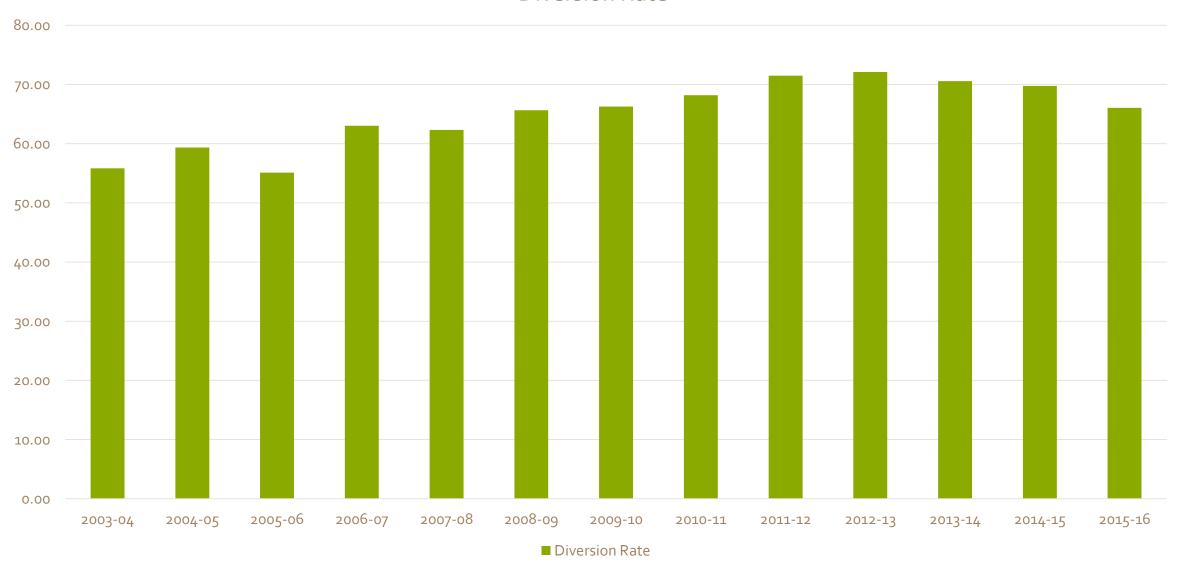


### Garbage vs. recycling





### **Diversion Rate**



### **ONTARIO REGULATION 102/94**

## WASTE AUDITS AND WASTE REDUCTION WORK PLANS

## PART X – EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

### Waste Audits

- **\*** Twice a year
  - Spring and Fall or
  - **Summer and Winter**
- **24-hour sample study**
- Garbage compactor study

### Waste Audit Data Collection Sheet

Total QAQC Check

Client: University of Toronto, St. George Campus Site: Rotman School of Managemer 95 St. George

11.90

100.0%

Date: Apr-21-15

Area of Collection: Offices Public Areas Cafeteria Labs Washrooms Miscel. Unlabeled Total Colour Code Blue Black Yellow Green White Unlabeled 11.90 55.25 Total Weight of Sample (in kg): 27.95 7.45 7.95 Total Percent of Sample (in %): 21.5% 0.0% 50.6% 13.5% 14.4% 0.0% 0.0% 100.0% kg kg Composition of Garbage 3.700 0.300 0.000 0.250 1.1% 31.1% 4.25 7.7% Total Mixed Papers 0.800 6.7% 3.350 45.0% 0.000 5.15 9.3% Total Mixed Containers Corrugated Cardboard 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.00 0.700 0.300 0.050 Coffee Cups 5.9% 5.5% 2.60 4.7% 4.0% Styrofoam 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.000 0.00 Organic Food Waste 0.800 6.7% 3.600 48.3% 0.000 23.6% 0.0% 13.05 Paper Towels 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.0% 7.650 0.0% 7.65 0.000 0.000 E-waste/electronics 0.0% 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.00 Metal 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.0% 0.000 0.0% 0.00 0.0% Wood 0.000 0.000 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.00 0.0% LDPE Plastic Films 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.00 0.0% Other / Non recyclable 5.90 22.55

7.45 100.0%

7.95

100.0%

0.00

0.0%

55.25 100.0%



## It's not all rainbows and sunshine. <sup>(a)</sup>



### Contamination







www.rco.on.ca

## RCCO Rwards Gold Winner



### **Property Profile**





### 3RCERTIFIED STATUS

### Silver

November 2014 - October 2017

### **PROPERTY TYPE**

Educational Establishment (University)

### ADDRESS

27 King's College Circle Toronto, ON

### STABLISHED

827

### ROPERTY MANAGER

University of Toronto Facilities & Services

### PROJECT MANAGER





### PROFILE

The Downtown Toronto (St. George) campus of the University of Toronto is a large multi-facility community with approximately 60,000 students, staff, and faculty who occupy several major city blocks with more than 140 buildings that generate waste and recycling material.

The University has recycling and reuse programs in place for almost every waste material it produces, and has several other programs in place to reduce wastes before they are even generated. As a result, the campus boasts one of the highest diversion rates of any university in the country. Its success can be attributed to frequent and clear communications to students, staff, and faculty; and to programs and containers that are found everywhere on campus and are simple and easy to use.

### WASTE REDUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

aboratories: Non-hazardous laboratory glass and plastic: material is collected in reusable totes for recycling, and has eliminated approximately five metric tonnes (MT) of plastic waste alone. For 2013 and 2014, total lab material diverted is approximately 23.6 MT

Food services: eliminated trays from New College cafeteria and patrons altered the amount of food collected at the counter, which reduces the amount of organic waste.

U of T Swap Shop: year-round service to store furniture, office equipment, supplies, and other items; departments and individuals are able to exchange items, and heavy furniture is constantly reused.

QR codes: barcodes are on all recycling bins to enable anyone with a smartphone to find out what items are accepted to limit contamination.

nvironmental Co-ordinators: a list of approximately 200 contacts across campus is naintained to spread information about the waste management program.

Green Ambassadors: a network of staff who work to improve the environmental sustainability of their offices and campus, which includes waste.

Green procurement: carpeting suppliers are required to ensure that the carpet can be reclaimed and diverted from landfill once it reaches end-of-life.

More information on Facilities & Services at the University of Toronto is at sustain.fs.utoronto.ca





3RCertified recognizes organizations and properties that demonstrate leadership in waste reduction and diversion. It aims to standardize and enhance waste minimization practices through a comprehensive analysis of the entire lifecycle of material management. 3RCertified status is awarded at one of four levels based on the total number of points earmed, and on-site third-party evaluation. For more visit www.3RCertified.ca





www.fs.utoronto.ca/building-services-trades/recycling-services

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