

# 10 Top Tips for an Eco-Friendly Campus



## 1. Improve The Ease Of Recycling

Ensure you have the recycling bins on campus in high-traffic, easily accessible areas. This includes canteens, common rooms, science labs, student dorms and busy corridors.

## 2. Conduct A Waste Audit

Prevent any unnecessary spending and improve performance against your campus recycling goals by conducting a waste audit. Use the results to determine which litter and recycling bins are needed and site them accordingly.

## 3. Standardise Recycling Facilities

Choose one style of recycling bin and use this throughout campus to co-ordinate your recycling facilities. This will clearly indicate to students and teachers which bins are meant for recycling – and keep your campus looking attractive too!

## 4. Use Recognisable Graphics

Use colour co-ordinated aperture panels with identifiable graphics and user-friendly guides to indicate which waste streams are collected. This will help minimise cross-contamination whilst increasing recycling rates.



## 5. Integrate Sustainability Into Learning

Incorporate sustainability into your curriculum with dedicated courses that provide students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to empower them to contribute to a sustainable future, which will get them more involved in environmentally friendly practices.

## 6. Drop Off Your Old Items For Reuse

Provide alternative bins for recycling unwanted items in dedicated drop off points around the college where old clothes and workbooks can be recycled to benefit other students.

## 7. Make The Switch

Encourage students to cut down on single-use plastic items and switch from plastic utensils and straws to reusable alternatives, as well as stopping the sale of bottled water to encourage students to bring their own. You can also make the switch in other areas on campus by changing to eco-friendly seating made from sustainable materials.

## 8. Get Cycling!

Help reduce carbon emissions by promoting the benefits of cycling and encouraging your students to travel more sustainably, rather than using public transport. Do this by providing cycle facilities such as cycle lockers, bike stands and canopies as well as bike shelters.



## 9. Raise Awareness, Then Publish The Results!

Raise awareness about your campus recycling goals using a dedicated recycling committee. You can also generate reports and let the student body know that they are doing a great job at increasing recycling rates! Use these results to set recycling goals and maintain high rates after the initial impact.



## 10. Review & Repeat

It is a good idea to refresh your recycling programme on a regular basis. Consult with the recycling committee and conduct regular waste audits to keep your recycling rates at a high!

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