

Newnham College – Waste Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of Newnham College that all waste, where practical, is recycled and that any waste sent to landfill is strictly non-recyclable or compostable (vegware) material only.

There are seven main kinds of waste managed by the College:

- I. Non-recyclable waste ie Landfill
- II. Mixed recyclable waste
- III. Compostable waste (arising from the maintenance of the grounds and garden)
- IV. Compostable waste (arising from vegware from catering)
- V. Commercial food waste (generated by the kitchen and catering staff)
- VI. Batteries
- VII. Electrical Items

The waste from the College is collected on a daily basis by the Local Authority from the various locations around the main site, and weekly from the outside properties, including the postgraduate houses and commercial properties.

All waste should be rinsed clean and separated into, recyclable and non-recyclable, at the point that it is generated. It is the responsibility of those resident in College to do this. It is the responsibility of the College to ensure that adequate waste facilities and processes are in place to collect and dispose of the waste. The College will provide information and encourage all users to recycle responsibly.

Process

- All bedrooms have one bin for the disposal of landfill waste.
- The students are responsible for emptying their own bedroom bins into the outside bins (sited in the carparks).
- The student communal kitchens all have mixed recycling and landfill bins.
- More information is available on the College website: <https://newn.cam.ac.uk/student-life/student-information/a-z-student-handbook/>

Recyclable Materials (Defined by Cambridge City Council)

The following can be recycled and should be kept separate from any other waste.

- Paper and magazines
- Tins, cans, foil and aerosol cans
- Cartons
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, pots, trays and bags
- Cardboard.

Non-Recyclable Materials

Everything else is to go with the non-recyclable landfill waste, with the exception of the following:

- Batteries: These should be taken to the battery recycling bin in the Porters' Lodge
- Electrical items: If these are personal property they should be disposed of off-site by the resident.

Broken crockery should be carefully wrapped and disposed of with the non-recyclable waste.

Broken glassware should be carefully wrapped and disposed of with the mixed-recyclable waste.

Food Waste from student kitchens

The College pays the City Council to provide three external Food Waste Bins for student use. These are located in the Coach House bin store (near the Pfeiffer Arch), Clough Car Park and Peile Car Park. The Postgraduate houses have “domestic” wheely bins for this waste. Any students wishing to compost food waste should contact the JCR or MCR Green Officers and request a composting bin. The student who requested this composting bin will take responsibility for this bin, emptying it regularly, washing it out and returning it to the JCR or MCR Green Officer when they are no longer in residence (unless another student is willing to take over the responsibility). If composting bins in student kitchens are found to be neglected the College cleaning staff will remove these and return them to the JCR/MCR Green Officer for re-use.

Summary

The College will ensure that the trade bin areas are kept clear and tidy and are cleaned on a regular basis (weekly minimum).

See the attached summary of the main two types of waste collected from student rooms:

MIXED RECYCLING BIN THIS BIN HAS A <u>CLEAR BINLINER</u>	LANDFILL BIN THIS BIN HAS A <u>BLACK BINLINER</u>
X VEGWARE put into the other bin!	✓ VEGWARE as these items will eventually compost down in landfill.
✓ GLASS (no broken glass)	✓ CRISP PACKETS
✓ PLASTIC	✓ STYROFOAM BOXES
✓ DRINKS CANS	✓ GREASY PAPER
✓ PAPER	✓ GREASY CARDBOARD
✓ CARDBOARD	✓ WET ITEMS
✓ CARTONS	✓ FOOD DEBRIS
✓ PLASTIC BAGS	✓ CLOTHING / TEXTILES