

## Waste and Recycling in academic buildings

After [declaring an environment and climate emergency](#) in 2019, the University set out a plan to reach net zero before 2050. But, based on support and input from students and staff during 2022 – this has been accelerated to 2030.

More information on this and the role the Sustainability Team play please see link below;

[Sustainability - Sustainability - University of Exeter](#)

The Facilities Management Team within FCIS (Finance, Infrastructure and Commercial Services) work closely and in support of the Sustainability Team in many areas including waste and recycling. Details of which can be found in the link below

[Waste and recycling | Commercial, Residential and Campus Services \(CRC\) | University of Exeter](#)

Within an academic building the Facilities Management (Cleaning) Team do and will continue to provide the following support;

**Trio bins** – these are located on each floor and emptied as and when required by the FM Team, the bins include; non-recyclable, plastics, cans



**Paper waste** – Under a 3<sup>rd</sup> party contract managed by Facilities Operations, there are secure consoles in multiple communal areas available for the disposal of confidential paper waste and very many other paper products. Please see the large sticker on front of each console.



**Cardboard** – Message below taken from [Waste and recycling | Commercial, Residential and Campus Services \(CRC\) | University of Exeter](#)

**Single cardboard boxes** can be squashed down by staff creating the waste and left by the internal recycling bins for the FM Cleaning Team to remove. **Cardboard should and can be left on top of or next to the trio bins or paper consoles and will be removed by the Cleaning teams on a daily basis. Please ensure little and often and refer to the other options below. All lab generated cardboard waste must not be disposed of using these interior bins**

**Multiple cardboard boxes** or larger quantities of cardboard must be taken to the external cardboard bins found outside of the building by the staff member/office creating the waste.

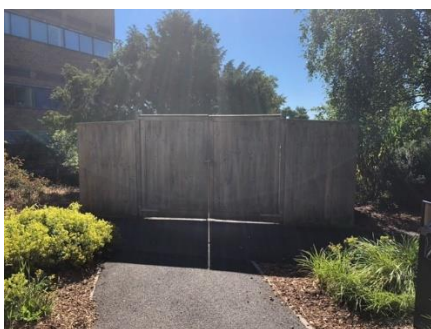
**Large quantities of cardboard waste** created by staff/office moves/clear outs must be removed via Disposal Form on [Campus Services Help Desk](#), this will then be planned and carried out by the Portering Team.

**Self-service cardboard bins** that have been located by office staff themselves must be emptied by the said office staff and not left for the FM Cleaning Team.

**Glass and tins** – Any domestically generated glass within staff kitchenette areas must be disposed of by the staff members within the building. Desktop Recycler containers can be provided in kitchenette areas if required to contain items and then can be taken to the external bins by staff members working within the building, not the Cleaning staff.



**External bins** – Very near buildings is a dedicated bin compound which contains much larger bins for non-recyclable waste, glass, cardboard, cans and plastics. These bins are emptied by Exeter City Council with whom the University has a very productive contract and a close working relationship in terms of improving segregation, recycling rates and innovation.



The Facilities Management (Cleaning Teams) provide significant recycling opportunities and with personal responsibility taken by building users recycling rates will increase and contribute to the university's target of net zero by 2030