

Recycling FAQ's

How close will new bins be to offices?

The recycling stations are allocated entirely depending upon space; however the scheme ensures that staff do not have to travel too far to reach a bin. If there are 4 or more staff in an office they are likely to be allocated a recycling station, and if it is a larger open plan office they will have multiple banks. We work on the basis that there should be no more than 20 people sharing a bank of bins, and staff will never have to walk more than 25m to their nearest recycling station. If you are in a single, double or triple occupancy office, it is unlikely that you will have a recycling station in your office.

What if I have mobility issues and think that the new recycling scheme might cause me problems?

Don't worry, just get in touch and we will make sure that you are not disadvantaged.

The bins aren't near enough, how am I going to avoid wasting time going back and forth to the recycling stations?

We have tried to distribute the bins fairly. We have found that most people use the bins on the way to the toilet or to the kitchen or on the way home, so they have been set out in this way. If you need a recycling station relocated or a new one installed closer to you then please get in touch.

How will I know what to put in the recycling bins?

The bins are labelled with both the word and an image, and above each station there will be a poster with more details. You can also look at our [website](#).

Why is there no composting for the food waste?

This is something we are very keen to move towards as part of our waste management strategy, and hope to implement by Spring 2012.

Do I need to rinse out my glass, plastics and cans before recycling?

Yes please! If you don't have access to a sink, then please get in touch.

What if the bin is always full and isn't being emptied regularly enough?

Please contact Estates_helpdesk@aston.ac.uk or ext 4433.

What if I'm having a spring clean and have huge amounts of waste to get rid of?

Please don't put an entire box of paper, folders or similarly heavy items in the recycling bins, choose a suitable location to leave your recycling and then contact Estates_helpdesk@aston.ac.uk or ext 4433.

Are we the only University to do this?

No, similar schemes are in place at:

- LSE
- University of St Andrews
- Kingston University
- University of Leeds
- Leeds Metropolitan University
- University of Leicester
- University of Nottingham
- Imperial College London
- University of Reading