

REUSE AT HARVARD

A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS



WHY SHOULD I REUSE?

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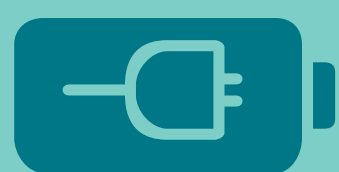
LBS OF WASTE IS GENERATED PER PERSON PER DAY

267.8

MILLION TONS OF WASTE ARE GENERATED EACH YEAR

52.1

% OF ALL WASTE ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS



SAVES ENERGY AND LIMITS POLLUTION

IT TAKES A LOT OF ENERGY TO MANUFACTURE NEW PRODUCTS. THESE PROCESSES ARE ALSO OFTEN SIGNIFICANT SOURCES OF POLLUTION!



CONSERVES NATURAL RESOURCES

NEW PRODUCTS REQUIRE MATERIALS TO BE MADE - BY REUSING PRODUCTS, LESS NEW MATERIALS NEED TO BE HARVESTED.



REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

GREENHOUSE GASES ARE GENERATED FROM THE MANUFACTURING AND TRANSPORT OF A NEW PRODUCT. BY REUSING, YOU REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.



SAVES MONEY

REUSING MEANS LESS PURCHASES, WHICH MEANS SAVING MONEY! BUYING USED OR SECOND-HAND IS OFTEN MORE BUDGET-FRIENDLY AS WELL.

HOW CAN I REUSE AT HARVARD?

REUSABLE ITEMS

MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT ARE GREAT TIMES TO TAKE STOCK OF WHAT YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO REUSE, EITHER WHEN PURCHASING OR DECLUTTERING. REUSING ALSO APPLIES DURING THE SEMESTER, TOO!



FURNITURE

DONATE UNWANTED FURNITURE/SOURCE 'NEW' FURNITURE AT SALES DURING MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT. **DONATION BOXES ARE IN ALL UNDERGRAD HOUSES.**

- SENIOR SALES
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DONATION DRIVE
- FOR FREE & FOR SALE GROUP (FACEBOOK)



BOOKS

DONATE UNWANTED BOOKS AT SALES DURING MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT. **DONATION BOXES ARE IN ALL UNDERGRAD HOUSES.** CONSIDER BUYING BOOKS FROM FRIENDS FOR CLASSES THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN!

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CLOTHING

SENIOR SALES AND THRIFT STORES ARE GREAT PLACES TO SOURCE/DONATE CLOTHING TO KEEP YOUR WARDROBE FRESH! YOU CAN ALSO SWAP ITEMS WITH FRIENDS AT THE START OF EACH SEMESTER.

- SENIOR SALES
- GARMENT DISTRICT (KENDALL SQ.)
- GOODWILL (CENTRAL SQ.)
*WILL TAKE CLEAN RIPPED/TORN CLOTHING/LINENS
- BUFFALO EXCHANGE (ALLSTON)
- CHEAP CHIC (ALLSTON)



ELECTRONICS

BEFORE YOU THROW YOUR OLD ELECTRONICS AWAY, CONSIDER IF SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE THEM (IF THEY ARE STILL FUNCTIONAL), OR IF THEY CAN BE FIXED.

- SENIOR SALES
- GOODWILL (CENTRAL SQ.)
- FIXIT CLINICS

*BROKEN ITEMS THAT ARE NO LONGER USABLE CAN BE RECYCLED IN THE BLUE RECEPTACLES IN YOUR BUILDING MANAGER'S OFFICE OR TRASH/RECYCLING ROOM.



MUGS

AS STUDENTS, COFFEE (AND OTHER YUMMY DRINKS) LIKELY MAKES AN APPEARANCE IN YOUR LIFE EVERY ONCE IN AWHILE, IF NOT EVERYDAY. THIS IS ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS TO PRACTICE REUSING, AND IT CAN BE MORE BUDGET FRIENDLY, TOO!

CONSIDER USING A MUG INSTEAD OF A COMPOSTABLE CUP IF YOU ARE **STAYING IN THE DHALL**, OR BETTER YET, INVEST IN YOUR OWN REUSABLE MUG. THIS APPLIES TO WATER BOTTLES AS WELL.

LEAVE DIRTY MUGS/BOTTLES ON THE DISH RETURN, AND HUDS WILL WASH IT FOR YOU IN ALL UNDERGRADUATE HOUSES. LOOK FOR IT ON THE SHELF IN YOUR HOUSE LATER THAT DAY/THE NEXT DAY. THIS APPLIES FOR **FOOD CONTAINERS, ETC.**

MANY BUSINESSES IN THE SQUARE OFFER 'BRING-YOUR-OWN' DISCOUNTS:

- STARBUCKS | \$0.10 OFF
- PEET'S/CAPITAL ONE | \$0.10 OFF
- FLOUR | \$0.25 OFF
- BLUE BOTTLE | \$0.25 OFF



EVENTS + RESOURCES

FREecycle EVENTS

MANY GREEN TEAMS HOST FREecycle EVENTS/SWAPS. CHECK OUT THE OFFICE FOR SUSTAINABILITY CALENDAR OR CONTACT US TO SET ONE UP. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FREecycle MOVEMENT CAN BE FOUND AT FREecycle.ORG.

QUAD BIKES

IF YOUR BIKE HAS BEEN ACTING UP LATELY, CONSIDER GETTING A TUNE-UP AT QUAD BIKES IN (WHERE ELSE?) THE QUAD! QUAD BIKES IS A STUDENT-RUN, NOT-FOR-PROFIT THAT CAN HELP WITH YOUR BIKE. VISIT WWW.QUADBIKES.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FIXIT CLINICS

INSTEAD OF DUMPING A SEEMINGLY BROKEN ITEM, COME LEARN HOW TO FIX IT! THE RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT TEAM PERIODICALLY HOLDS THESE WORKSHOPS WHICH PROVIDES TOOLS AND EXPERT HELP. CONTACT ROB_GOGAN@HARVARD.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION.



RECYCLING AND SURPLUS CENTER

LOCATED AT 156 WESTERN AVE., ALLSTON, MA, THE RSC TAKES DONATIONS AND DISTRIBUTES THESE ITEMS EVERY THURSDAY 11AM-2PM. CHECK IT OUT AND/OR DONATE ANY ITEMS YOU NO LONGER HAVE USE FOR!

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT YOUR RESOURCE EFFICIENCY PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE OR THE OFFICE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AT SUSTAINABILITY@HARVARD.EDU!

