



Facilities Planning and Construction

Division of Administration & Finance

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Re: Recycling Programs and Policy—LEED MRp1
UH Main Campus, UH at Sugar Land and UH at Katy

On-Campus Recycling

The UH Main, UH at Sugar Land and UH at Katy campuses use a single-stream recycling program to collect paper, plastic, aluminum cans, glass and cardboard. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to place recyclable materials into outdoor “[smart bins](#)” across campus, as well as standard blue or aluminum recycling bins in dormitories, classroom buildings and offices.

UH Design Guidelines require design teams to include recycling rooms on each floor in new and renovated buildings.

At UH Main campus, UH Facilities collects all waste and recycling in-house and has a contract with FCC Environmental Services to receive landfill waste and recyclables. UH Facilities employs Republic Services to collect landfill waste and single stream recyclables from the Sugar Land and Katy campuses.

Electronic Waste

UH maintains a contract with [Bass Computer Recycling](#) (an R2 and TCEQ certified electronics recycler) to recycle all non-functioning electronic equipment from the university’s [Surplus and Property Warehouse](#) (SPW) at the Main campus. Bass Computer Recycling picks up electronic equipment upon request and conducts an E-Waste Collection on the Main campus each Spring. The warehouse also stores state-owned property that is no longer in use. Staff can visit the SPW warehouse to re-use electronics and furniture that are still operational.

Construction Waste

UH master specification 01 7419 “Construction Waste Management and Disposal” mandates the recycling or reuse of at least 75% of waste produced during major construction and renovation projects. Recent LEED-certified projects at UH have averaged more than 85% diversion.

Hazardous Waste

UH encourages the safe recycling of batteries, mercury-containing lamps and other potentially hazardous waste through its [Office of Environmental Health and Safety](#) (EHS). Students, faculty and staff can contact EHS to pick up battery containers and mercury-containing lamps. EHS sends these items for recycling through Veolia North America, a third-party hazardous waste disposal contractor. EHS’s [Regulated Waste Manual](#) provides information regarding regulated materials.