

Recycling & Waste Reduction

Supports sustainable campus operations through recycling, responsible waste management, material reuse, and environmental stewardship initiatives.

Recycling at Montclair State University

Montclair State University operates a: **single-stream recycling program**

Single-stream recycling allows recyclable materials to be collected together in the same recycling container before being transported to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) for sorting and processing.

This program helps simplify recycling participation while supporting campus sustainability and waste reduction efforts.

What Can Be Recycled?

The University’s recycling program supports the collection of:

- Paper products
- Plastic containers
- Glass bottles and containers
- Aluminum cans
- Metal materials

These recyclable materials are collected together through the campus recycling system before being sorted and processed off-site.

Campus Recycling Initiatives

In addition to single-stream recycling, University Facilities manages the recycling and responsible disposal of:

Recycling Initiative	Purpose
<i>Electronic Waste Recycling</i>	Responsible disposal of electronic equipment
<i>Hazardous Waste Management</i>	Safe handling of regulated materials
<i>Automotive Waste Recycling</i>	Recycling of maintenance and vehicle-related materials
<i>Vegetative Waste Recycling</i>	Landscape and grounds waste management
<i>Surplus Furniture Reuse</i>	Extending the life of campus furnishings

Electronic Waste Recycling

If campus offices need to recycle electronic equipment, Facilities provides pickup coordination through campus service requests.

Electronic waste recycling helps:

- reduce landfill waste
- support responsible disposal practices
- minimize environmental impact
- improve campus sustainability operations

Why Recycling Matters

Recycling supports:

- reduced landfill waste
- lower greenhouse gas emissions
- conservation of natural resources
- reduced energy consumption
- improved operational sustainability

Sustainable waste management also helps reduce campus disposal costs and supports long-term environmental stewardship initiatives.

Sustainable Materials Management

University Facilities continues to support:

- recycling participation
- material reuse initiatives
- responsible waste diversion
- sustainable campus operations

These efforts align with broader University sustainability and environmental goals.

Recycling Impact

Sustainability Benefit	Campus Impact
Waste Diversion	Reduces landfill waste
Resource Conservation	Supports reuse and recycling
Emissions Reduction	Reduces greenhouse gas impacts
Sustainable Operations	Supports campus sustainability goals

Water at Montclair State

Supports campus sustainability through water conservation, reusable bottle initiatives, hydration stations, and responsible resource management.

Water Sustainability at Montclair

Montclair State University promotes sustainable water practices through:

- reusable bottle initiatives
- campus hydration stations
- water conservation efforts
- educational sustainability programs

These initiatives encourage the campus community to reduce single-use plastic bottle consumption while supporting healthier and more sustainable campus operations.

Fill it Forward Program

University Facilities partnered with:
to encourage students, faculty, and staff to use reusable water bottles instead of single-use plastic bottles.

Participants can:

- refill reusable bottles
- scan QR codes at hydration stations
- contribute to charitable projects
- track environmental impact
- participate in monthly prize drawings

Hydration Station Overview

Campus Resource	Details
<i>Hydration Stations Installed</i>	Located throughout campus buildings
<i>Bottle Filler Access</i>	Available in most major facilities
<i>Sustainability Goal</i>	Reduce single-use plastic bottle waste

Hydration Stations Map

Campus Buildings (A–R)

Building Name	Number of Stations
Abbott & Costello Center	1
Ben Samuels Children's Center	2
Blanton Hall	3
Bohn Hall	16
Center for Computing & Information Science	8
Center for Environmental & Life Sciences	2
Cole Hall	3
Dickson Hall	2
Dinallo Heights	2
Freeman Hall	7
Kasser Theater	5
Life Hall	4
Machuga Heights	2
Overlook	3
Panzer Athletic Center	5
Richardson Hall	9
Russ Hall	1

Hydration Stations Map

Campus Buildings (S-Z)

Building Name	Number of Stations
Schmitt Hall	1
School of Business	12
School of Communication & Media	3
School of Nursing & Graduate School	4
Science Hall	6
Sinatra Hall	2
Sprague Library	2
Stone Hall	2
Student Center	4
Student Recreation Center	2
University Hall	8

Surplus Furniture Reuse

Supports sustainable campus operations by extending the life of usable furniture and reducing unnecessary landfill waste.

What is Surplus Furniture?

University Facilities manages surplus furniture and reusable materials generated through:

- office renovations
- departmental moves
- furniture upgrades
- campus projects

Whenever possible, usable furniture is redistributed across campus before disposal to support sustainability and reduce waste.

How Departments Can Request Furniture

Campus departments may request available surplus furniture items through University Facilities when inventory is available.

Common surplus items may include:

- desks
- office chairs
- filing cabinets
- tables
- shelving
- miscellaneous office furniture

Availability varies based on current campus inventory.

Student Move-Out Donations

During residence hall move-out periods, reusable items may be collected to help reduce waste generated during student transitions.

Examples may include:

- small furniture
- storage items
- school supplies
- unopened household items
- reusable dorm materials

These initiatives help:

- reduce landfill waste
- support campus sustainability efforts
- encourage responsible reuse practices

Responsible Disposal Practices

Furniture and materials that cannot be reused are evaluated for:

- recycling opportunities
- responsible disposal methods
- sustainable waste management practices

University Facilities continues to support sustainable material management across campus operations.