



Did you know ...

The University of Wyoming spends nearly **\$65,000** per year to dispose of **2.5 million pounds** of trash in the city landfill.



What UW is doing to reduce waste

WE REDUCE

Residence Life and Dining uses a sophisticated system to forecast and control portions to reduce food waste and overproduction. They also have a food donation program in partnership with the Laramie Soup Kitchen. Sandwiches and salads with the Campus Fresh label, day old bakery items, and perishable items that are left

over from Washakie Dining Hall, are all donated.

WE REUSE

ACRES student farm has a composting program that receives contributions from Residence Life & Dining Services and the Laramie community. The community compost bin is located on the corner of Harney and 30th Streets (ACRES does not accept meat or dairy items for compost).

At the end of each spring semester, the Nordic Ski Team partners with the Sustainability Club and the Clothing Cottage to collect unwanted clothing, furniture, and appliances in good condition to resell at a low cost to students and the Laramie community during move-in weekend in the fall. And the Trash 2 Treasures program helps the ski team raise funds for entry fees and travel to competitions.

AND WE RECYCLE

With help from the **Post Landfill Action Network**, the student-run Sustainability Club collaborated with the **Shepherd Symposium on Social Justice** to host a zero-waste event. The event diverted 96%, over 400 pounds, of waste from the landfill.



Zero-waste station at the Shepherd Symposium

What you can do to reduce waste

- Assess your daily routine and find opportunities to minimize the waste you generate. Instead of throwing it out, can you re-purpose, compost, or donate the item?
- Before buying a new item, could you find it cheaper at a thrift store?
- Find a recycling bin to reduce waste going to the landfill.
- If you're planning a catered event, skip the disposables and use real dinnerware instead.

Campus Sustainability Committee member profile

Tod Scott, Manager of Custodial Services



Tod riding a UW Recycle Cycle

What's your role on the CSC?

I've been a member of the CSC since 2008 and I'm the recycling liaison.

Tell us about the recycling facility

The UW General Storage Building had an addition put on it in the last two years. This addition allowed the Equipment Services Department to move into the new space and vacate their old space in the General Storage Building.

Physical Plant was able to remodel the vacated space and add some offices, with twice the square footage of the previous location and a new room for a "surplus store." Any office supplies that come into UW Recycling that can be reused are put in the surplus store. They have paper and binder clips, three-ring binders, bubble test sheets, manila folders, hanging file folders, pens, pencils, etc. Anyone can go to the recycling warehouse and look at what's available. [Call 766-3590 for availability.]



The recycling center doubled in size. Employees ask patrons to remove the lid from plastic bottles and dispose of the lids in the same recycling bin.