



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



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PROPERTY TYPE

Educational Establishment (University)

ADDRESS

27 King's College Circle
Toronto, ON

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PROPERTY MANAGER

University of Toronto Facilities & Services

PROJECT MANAGER



PROFILE

The Downtown Toronto (St. George) campus of the University of Toronto is a large multi-facility community with approximately 60,000 students, staff, and faculty who occupy several major city blocks with more than 140 buildings that generate waste and recycling material.

The University has recycling and reuse programs in place for almost every waste material it produces, and has several other programs in place to reduce wastes before they are even generated. As a result, the campus boasts one of the highest diversion rates of any university in the country. Its success can be attributed to frequent and clear communications to students, staff, and faculty; and to programs and containers that are found everywhere on campus and are simple and easy to use.

WASTE REDUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Laboratories: Non-hazardous laboratory glass and plastic: material is collected in reusable totes for recycling, and has eliminated approximately five metric tonnes (MT) of plastic waste alone. For 2013 and 2014, total lab material diverted is approximately 23.6 MT.

Food services: eliminated trays from New College cafeteria and patrons altered the amount of food collected at the counter, which reduces the amount of organic waste.

U of T Swap Shop: year-round service to store furniture, office equipment, supplies, and other items; departments and individuals are able to exchange items, and heavy furniture is constantly reused.

QR codes: barcodes are on all recycling bins to enable anyone with a smartphone to find out what items are accepted to limit contamination.

Environmental Co-ordinators: a list of approximately 200 contacts across campus is maintained to spread information about the waste management program.

Green Ambassadors: a network of staff who work to improve the environmental sustainability of their offices and campus, which includes waste.

Green procurement: carpeting suppliers are required to ensure that the carpet can be reclaimed and diverted from landfill once it reaches end-of-life.

More information on Facilities & Services at the University of Toronto is at sustain.fs.utoronto.ca

