WASTE
Emory University’s goal is to divert 95% of waste from landfills by 2025.

WHAT ABOUT PPE?
To reduce your landfill waste, choose a reusable cloth mask over single-use masks. If you must have disposable masks, wipes and gloves, they must be placed in the landfill bins to protect Emory’s staff and vendors.

CLEAN AND GREEN
To protect your health and the environment, opt for handwashing over wearing single-use gloves, and choose to use hand sanitizer & compostable paper towels instead of disposable wipes.

WHERE SHOULD MY WASTE GO?

BLUE RECYCLE BINS
ALL INORGANIC material (e.g. chip bags, snack wrappers, plastic utensils, plastic film, plastic & foil containers that have very little food on them).

GREEN COMPOST BINS
ALL ORGANIC material (e.g. food, used napkins & tissues, and “compostables” such as GREEN utensils & paper-to-go containers from Emory Dining locations).

BLACK LANDFILL BINS
Only food grade styrofoam, disposable masks, sanitary wipes, disposable gloves, used baby diapers, cat litter and dog waste.

STANDARD WASTE STREAMS
PLASTICS & METALS
MIXED PAPER
WHITE PAPER
COMPOST
LANDFILL

HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS
Oxford provides a collection area for materials that are hard to recycle and cannot be placed in the blue recycle bins. These bins are located on the first floor of the Oxford Student Center, near the loading dock.

RESIDENCE HALL WASTE MANAGEMENT

BEFORE YOU MOVE IN
1 Opt for ZERO WASTE. Instead of packing paper and Styrofoam peanuts, wrap fragile items in your towels and bedding.
2 Before loading up your car, carefully consider each item and bring only what you need for the next 3 months.
3 Pack in REUSABLE CRATES, BOXES, & BAGS. Save them for Move-Out.
4 Consider buying second-hand, previously-loved items at bargain prices through EMORY BUY & SELL.

MOVE IN DAY
1 EMPTY & FLATTEN cardboard boxes. Store undamaged boxes for move-out.
2 Bring UNWANTED BOXES & STYROFOAM to designated areas labeled “Cardboard” and “Styrofoam” outside of your residence hall.
3 Place ALL OTHER RECYCLABLES in the dedicated recycling space in your hall. If you need help locating them, ask your RA or SA!

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
1 Collect recyclables such as plastics, metals, and mixed paper in your room. Bring them to BLUE RECYCLE BINS at central waste stations in your hall to sort into the correct waste streams.
2 Collect food scraps and napkins in your room, preferably in a paper bag, and sort them into the GREEN COMPOST BINS located in most buildings on campus.
3 Be CONSCIOUS and INFORMED about the items you purchase! Only buy what you need and choose REUSABLE bags, mugs, bottles, and utensils over single-use plastics.

MOVE OUT DAY
1 DONATE sealed, non-perishable food to donation trucks. COMPOST opened, perishable food in the GREEN COMPOST BINS.
2 Opt to donate items as part of the DON’T DUMP IT, DONATE IT Program. Bins and collection trucks are located all over campus during Move-Out. All donations divert waste from landfills, while benefiting an area nonprofit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
EMORY.EDU
SUSTAINABILITY.EDU

For more information, see the Recycling & Composting at Emory Guide.
FOOD & DINING

While eating on campus, you have access to nutritious, diverse, and delicious options that keep you full and support local, sustainable food systems.

EMORY & OXFORD DINING SUSTAINABLE FOOD PURCHASES

By 2025, Emory University aims to purchase 75% of its food from local and/or sustainable sources.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT

1. OXFORD DINING HALLS
   They serve local and sustainable food options that support every dietary preferences and need. Learn more about the food choices you can make on campus.

2. OXFORD ORGANIC FARM
   At the edge of campus, you will find an 11-acre operational organic farm where you can learn to grow food, take classes, volunteer and work.

3. FOOD RECOVERY VERIFIED
   Oxford Dining recovers surplus perishable food and donates it to Covington First United Methodist Church Food Bank.

TRANSPORTATION

SUSTAINABLE COMMUTE OPTIONS

1. CLIFF SHUTTLES
   Typically, a shuttle runs between Oxford and Druid Hills Campuses. Check the Oxford Transportation Services website for updates on this shuttle, or email oxford.transportation@emory.edu.

2. WALK
   The Sustainability Map outlines sustainability features on campus to explore on-foot. While exploring, choose to take the stairs over the elevator!

3. BIKE OXFORD
   Join Bike Oxford for FREE! Check out a bike at the reception desk of Williams Gym. Bike repairs are serviced by Aztec Cycles.

ACADEMICS

Integrating sustainability into the academic realm is a priority at Emory, where more than 61% of departments offer a sustainability-related course.

WANT TO LEARN ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY?

OXFORD FARM RELATED COURSES

Explore courses across disciplines at Oxford, such as IDS255: Social Science and Sustainability, HSC248: Sociology of Sustainability, SNT115: Meteorology and Climatology with Lab, HSC255: Global Political Economy and Sustainability, and more.

DISCOVER MORE SUSTAINABILITY COURSES

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OXFORD STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION STUDENT LIVING COMMITTEE

Advocate for healthy and sustainable campus policies through the SGA Sustainability Committee, which falls under the larger Student Living Committee.

REGIONAL CENTRE OF EXPERTISE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Emory is a leader of the RCE, a network committed to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Join the RCE today.

STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

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GREEN CAREER CLUSTER

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GET INVOLVED

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BECOME A ZERO WASTE AMBASSADOR

Join Emory community members who are actively promoting a campus culture that prioritizes reducing and diverting waste. Emory may see more disposables and PPE this year, so peer-to-peer waste education is more critical than ever.

SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INCENTIVES FUND

Have an idea for enhancing sustainability programs, projects, research or infrastructure at Oxford? Apply for an Incentives Fund grant & receive up to $3,000.

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