ZERO WASTE CHECKLIST

Western is striving to become a Zero Waste Campus by 2022. To create Zero Waste at Western means to divert 90% or more of the waste produced on campus from the landfill by reusing, recycling or composting. In 2012, Western diverted 45% of its waste. By using the checklist below, help Western achieve even greater success this year and reach its goal of becoming the first Zero Waste Campus in Canada!

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<th>Questions?</th>
<th>Answers &amp; Solutions</th>
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<td>Are you confused about what is recyclable on campus?</td>
<td>☆ Plastics numbered 1, 2, 4 or 5, glass, metals, paper and cardboard are all accepted for recycling at Western. For a detailed list of recyclable items on campus, check out the “Recycling at Western” posters on the Green Boards all over campus.</td>
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<td>Do you have an old laptop, TV, cell phone or power cord that you want to get rid of?</td>
<td>☆ Dispose of small electronic (e-Waste) items beside Battery Recycling bins located on every floor in most buildings. For larger items or amounts, please request an e-Waste recycling bin from Facilities Management by calling ext. 83304.</td>
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<td>Do you want to compost your food scraps?</td>
<td>☆ UCC’s Center Spot composes all food and paper waste. By 2013, compost bins were also installed in all suite style residences and residence cafeterias.☆ You can request a small compost bin for food scraps in your suite-style dorm or office by calling ext. 83304.</td>
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<td>Are you aware of how much garbage you produce?</td>
<td>☆ Challenge yourself! Invest in a smaller garbage bin for your home or office so that you are forced to think about how much you are throwing away.</td>
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<td>Do you throw away lots of packaging?</td>
<td>☆ Buy in bulk! This reduces the amount of product packaging and often saves you money.☆ Make your purchases strategically! For example, substitute buying cases of pop wrapped in plastic for cases packaged in cardboard boxes that can be recycled.</td>
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Do you like having a morning (or more) coffee/tea?
☆ Bring your own mug! Hospitality Services offers a 10 cent discount on beverages served in reusable mugs.
☆ Disposable coffee cups are not recyclable and will just end up in the landfill if you use them.

Do you drink lots of water?
☆ Fill up your reusable water bottle at one of Western’s many refill stations.
☆ Purchasing water bottles on campus (or anywhere) is a waste of your money!

Do you use disposable batteries?
☆ Try using rechargeable batteries.
☆ Battery recycling bins are located on every floor in most buildings (close to the Green Board).

Do you have an empty printer cartridge or toner?
☆ Refill empty cartridges.
☆ Return empty cartridges to the place you bought/ordered them from.

Do you use plastic bags at the grocery store?
☆ Switch to reusable grocery bags.
☆ The average family of 4 uses 1000 plastic bags every year. That’s almost 3 bags per day! At 5¢ each, this adds up to $50 every year.

Do your leftovers come in Styrofoam containers?
☆ Request a plastic container for your leftovers. Many restaurants will either accommodate your request, or will start to realize that customers do not want Styrofoam anymore.
☆ Better yet, bring your own reusable plastic or glass containers with you to help reduce the amount of containers restaurants need to produce.

Do you pack a lunch each day?
☆ Pack lunches in reusable containers. This will also help you save on the cost of plastic sandwich bags, aluminum foil and cling wrap.
☆ Don’t forget your reusable cutlery!

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