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# HGSE SUSTAINABILITY 101

Fall 2021

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# Agenda

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- Learn it.

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# First things first: Introductions

Harvard University is located on the traditional and ancestral land of the Massachusett, the original inhabitants of what is now known as Boston and Cambridge.

We pay respect to the people of the Massachusett Tribe, past and present, and honor the land itself which remains sacred to the Massachusett People.

[hunap.harvard.edu/acknowledgement-land-and-people](https://hunap.harvard.edu/acknowledgement-land-and-people)

[massachusetttribe.org](https://massachusetttribe.org)



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What's your  
sustainability  
story?



# Live it. Learn it.



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# Live it

✓ Carry and use a reusable mug or bottle to avoid single-use disposable cups and bottles

✓ Stop by a [Green Team meeting](#)

✓ Apply to be an HGSE Sustainability Fellow

✓ [Reuse](#), [compost](#) and [recycle](#) to reduce the amount of waste incinerated or sent to the landfill

[green.harvard.edu/waste](http://green.harvard.edu/waste)



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# Live it



- ✓ Bring up the connections to sustainability and the environment in all your classes
- ✓ Walk, bike or opt for [public transit](#)
- ✓ Take the stairs instead of an elevator, if you can
- ✓ Donate items for reuse at move out

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# Learn it.

- We reuse – at Freecycle, the Valentine’s Cosmetics and Toiletries Drive and the Move Out Donation Stations

## UNIVERSAL WASTE ACCUMULATION AREA

### USED BATTERIES



\*SEAL BATTERIES WITH STICKERS OR TAPE

### CHARGERS & CORDS



### TONER & INKJETS



Please bring all electronics with data (phones, laptops, USB drives), to your local IT office.

If your battery is leaking or too large to fit into this container, please contact [ehs@harvard.edu](mailto:ehs@harvard.edu) to arrange safe disposal.



ACCUMULATION START DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

- We compost – all food waste, coffee grounds, tea bags, wooden stirrers, napkins, paper towels and compostable products.
- We recycle – paper, cardboard, glass, plastics #1-7, metal cans and foils all in the same bin

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[green.harvard.edu/waste](https://green.harvard.edu/waste)  
[mbta.com/ridesafer](https://mbta.com/ridesafer)

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## COMPOST

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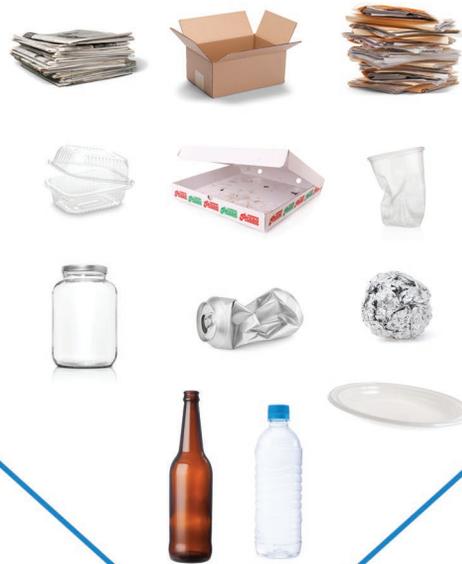


## RECYCLE

**YUCK**  
No Food or Liquid  
(empty all containers)

No Plastic Bags  
or Plastic Wrap  
(return to retailer)

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## TRASH

When in doubt, throw it out!

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- We reduced our greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2016 compared to 2008 levels.
- We have 24 solar panels on the roof of Gutman.
- We have 6 certified LEED projects
- We prioritize choose healthier materials for our campus, such as furniture, carpets and paints that are free of chemical flame retardants and other toxic chemicals.

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- We commute sustainably - walking, biking or taking public transit
- 98% of our cleaning products are Green Seal certified
- Gutman Commons Café is Green Restaurant Certificatied
- 100% of our landscaping is organic

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# Announcements

## HGSE Sustainability Fellows

Students, pursue your own sustainability project at HGSE! Learn more at [green.harvard.edu/schools-units/education/hgse-sustainability-fellows](https://green.harvard.edu/schools-units/education/hgse-sustainability-fellows)

Application deadline: Friday, October 1

## Commuting Sustainably in the Covid Era

Tuesday, September 28, 12-12:30pm ([RSVP here](#) for the Zoom link)

Faculty and staff, learn more at [www.transportation.harvard.edu/flexible](http://www.transportation.harvard.edu/flexible).

Students, please check in with the Office of Student Affairs about their MBTA semester pass program. Everyone can consider joining [BlueBikes](#).

## Green Team Leaders on hold

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# Thank you!

Questions? Suggestions?  
Reach out!

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