



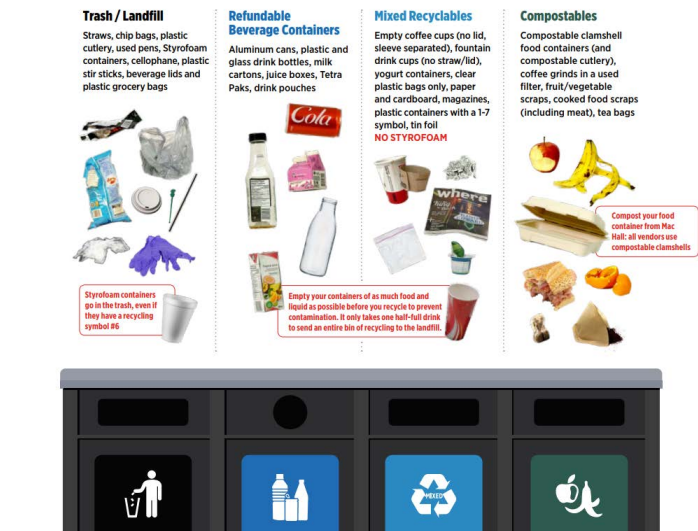
Waste Reduction

Reducing the amount of waste we produce and send to landfills is a very important aspect of Sustainability. In fact, reducing waste aligns with the **UN's Sustainable Development Goals**, particularly number 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, number 14: Life Below Water, and number 15: Life on Land.

The **Government of Canada** also issued a plastics ban to begin in 2021, starting with checkout bags, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, cutlery and even foodware containers. Canada will continue to ban more products as time goes on to eventually have zero plastic waste by 2030.

UCalgary strives to become a zero waste community. The use of the four stream waste bins has led to significant decreases in waste that is sent to the landfill from campus. **Almost 90% of the waste** produced on campus is recyclable or compostable when sorted correctly.

The four-stream waste bins are divided into the categories of compost, mixed recycling, refundable beverage containers, and trash. The bins have imagery on them to show people on campus examples of what can and can not go into the categories



There are many other measures that people on campus can take to reduce their waste. Examples include:

- Bring a reusable mug or bottle to campus for beverages
- **Properly clean** out single use food containers so not to contaminate recycling
- Use the textile recycling outside of the Dining Centre or Yamnuska hall
- Print documents double-sided when possible
- Use the proper collection site on campus to recycle batteries
- Use a drip coffee pot within your office instead of single-use pods