

SUSTAINABILITY AT UTM

During your stay in UTM residence, it is important to learn about how you can live a sustainable lifestyle and protect the environmental well-being of the campus.

Waste Diversion & Reduction

What is waste diversion? Waste diversion is defined as all items that go into the recycling or organics bin, and therefore diverted from landfill.

To help the campus achieve a higher diversion rate:

- Read the signage on bins carefully before throwing out your items in the garbage rooms, outdoor Region of Peel yard bins, or common eating areas
- Use Region of Peel's (RoP) [waste sorter app](#) to help with sorting waste on residences
- **MOST IMPORTANT: When in doubt, throw it out in the garbage to avoid contamination in recycling streams**

Item	Waste Stream
Coffee cups and lids (e.g. Tim Hortons) Takeout and instant food containers and lids	Garbage/Landfill
Cardboard boxes (e.g. Amazon boxes)	Flatten them and place in paper recycling or the outside recycling bin
Food (e.g. food waste)	Organics



DID YOU KNOW?

UTM recycles differently than residences!

GFL/Waste Reduction Group collects waste on campus while the **Peel Region** collects from residences. Verify what you are throwing out on residence using the Region's app.

Interested in learning more about waste and recycling at UTM? Check out the [Waste & Recycling section](#) on the Sustainability Office!

Remember, reduce and reuse comes before recycling. Finding ways to reduce your waste is the most effective method to combat the growing demand for environmental resources.

- Only buy as much as you need
- Use UTM Hospitality's [OZZI green container](#) and [BYOC programs](#).

FOUR WASTE STREAMS AT UTM



Energy & Water Conservation

Reduce your energy consumption while in residence to help lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and decrease water use.

- Turn off lights when you leave the room
- Turn off and unplug electronics (TV, laptop charger, etc.) when not in use
- Do laundry when you have a full load
- Keep doors and windows closed when the A/C or heat is running



To learn more about sustainability on campus, stay connected with the Sustainability Office!

Website: <https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/green/>

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Bird Window Collision Awareness

The reflective nature of windows can be deceiving to birds, making them appear as open spaces to fly into. But you can help reduce these incidents!

- Place decals or stickers on windows to help birds recognize solid surfaces
- Reduce the attractiveness of windows as potential flight paths by turning off lights
- If you find an injured or deceased bird, reach out to [@utm_wo](https://www.instagram.com/utm_wo) on Instagram or contact the nearest wildlife rehab center for guidance

Other Campus Initiatives

UTM offers a variety of sustainability programs and opportunities that students can get involved with.

Opportunity	Description
<u>BikeShare</u>	Free bike rental service (May - October)
<u>Sustainability Ambassador Program</u>	Volunteer with your peers and engage in sustainable programming all year
<u>Sustainability Minor and Other Courses</u>	Enroll in courses that explore sustainability

