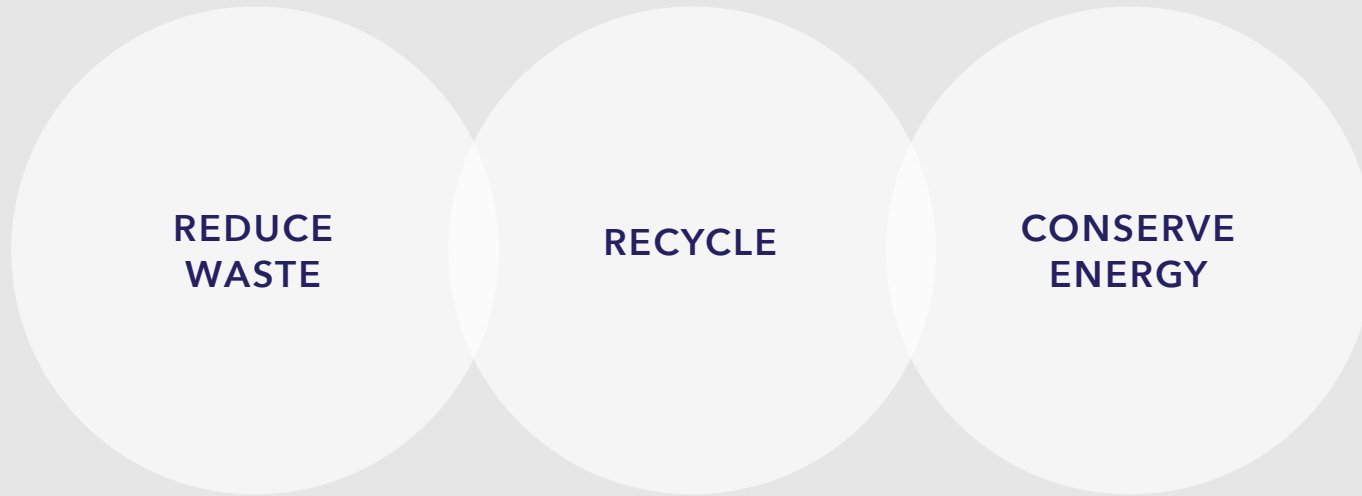




DO THE
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THING

MRU SUSTAINABILITY

PURPOSE: Support Goal 10 of University's Strategic Plan of promoting environmental sustainability



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WHY IT MATTERS



When you recycle and conserve energy, you reduce our environmental footprint.



MRU can be fined for sending paper or food waste to the landfill.



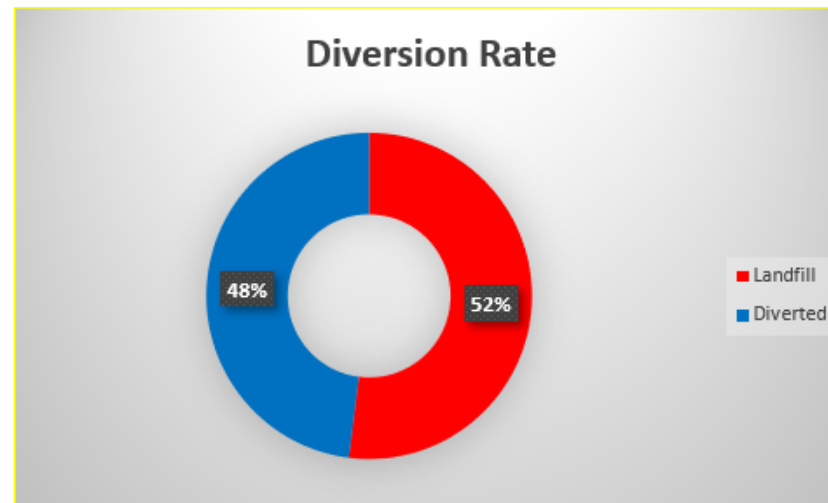
We can save the University tens of thousands of dollars per year

2022 Materials Assessment

Current Diversion Rate

Mount Royal University
generated **458 tonnes of landfill
and recyclables in 2022.**

That equals the weight of 305
mid-sized cars.



52% of our waste goes to landfill

48% is diverted

DO THE RIGHT THING

You can recycle more at MRU

You can recycle more at MRU than you can using your bins at home.

Only 3% belongs in the landfill

The only items that belong in landfill are disposable masks, gloves or sanitizing wipes, chewing gum, straws, styrofoam, cellophane wrappers for candy, granola bars and chips, and plastic cutlery without a recycling symbol.



When in doubt, choose mixed recycle

When in doubt, choose a 'mixed recycle' bin, not a landfill bin.

No organics can be sent to the landfill.

Ensure that you do NOT place any liquids in the 4-part iWalk binsets at MRU

Sleep mode uses more energy

Sleep mode and screensavers still use power. If every computer is shut down at night, it will save the University \$33,000 / year.

CONSERVE ENERGY

Plug in fewer items.

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Close the blinds on hot, sunny days to keep the space from heating up.

Turn off the lights when they aren't needed.

We spend up to \$300,000 / year to light our campus



REDUCE WASTE

97% of what you use in a day can be diverted from landfill.

Recycling organics is mandatory by City of Calgary bylaw. The more waste we divert from the landfill, the greener we make our campus.

Use refillable travel mugs and water bottles.
Use less paper.

RECYCLE

MRU's 'iWALK' Program

Under-the-desk landfill bins at people's work stations have been removed, and landfill bins have been removed from classrooms.

The biggest contaminator in the mixed recycle is fluids. Many dumpsters of mixed recycle are sent to the landfill as they are contaminated by fluids.

Be sure to ***dump your drink in the sink*** before you place the cup in the mixed recycle.

Common Area Binsets

Depending on your area MRU supplies either side-by-side bins or a stacking set with a lidded Organics bin in your kitchen, boardroom and coffee stations.

By printers and in heavy paper use areas, a Paper Recycle bin will also be available.

MRU'S 4-part iWalk binsets

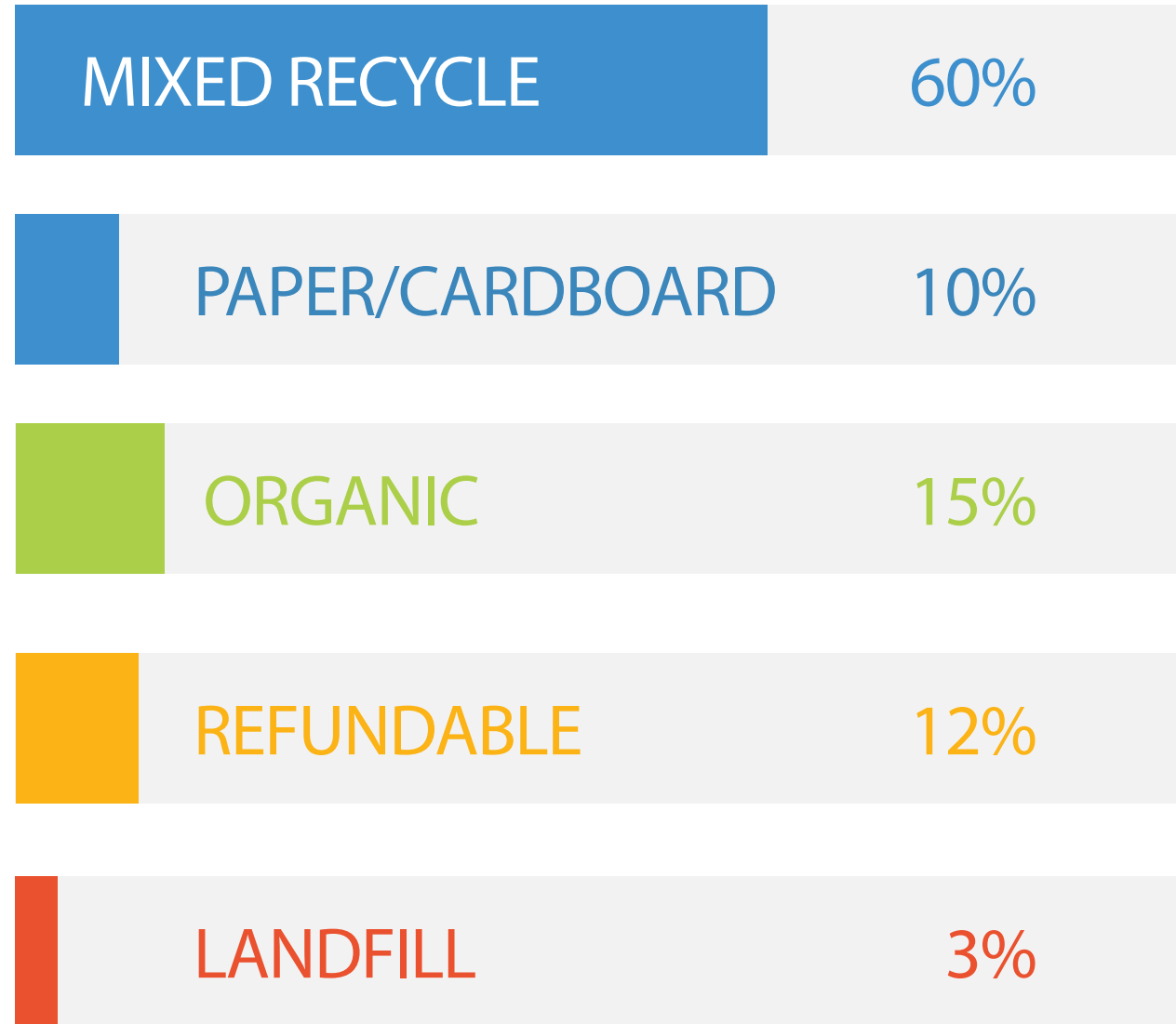


Use **paper/cardboard recycling** bins in heavy paper use areas.
Paper and flattened cardboard are also accepted in the mixed recycle bins.



RECYCLE

Sort your waste and recycling using the 4-part iWalk bins on campus.



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Landfill/waste

- Sanitizing/Cleaning Wipes
- Disposable masks / gloves
- Non-recyclable plastics
 - straws, plastic stir sticks, or plastic cutlery
- Styrofoam
- Cellophane wrappers
- Chewing gum



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Organic

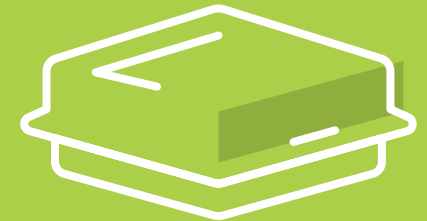
- All food waste
- Compostable drink and food containers
- Green cups (compostable coffee cups)
- Compostable drink glasses
- Paper towels, napkins and tissue
- Wooden stir sticks and chopsticks
- Raw cardboard takeout containers
- Coffee grounds, filters and tea bags



ALL FOOD WASTE



TISSUE / NAPKINS AND
PAPER TOWELS



RAW
CARDBOARD
TAKEOUT CLAMS

WHAT GOES WHERE?

Refundable

- Aluminum drink cans
- Plastic & glass bottles
- Milk and juice cartons
- Tetra-paks

The revenue received through the Refundable Recycle waste stream goes back into improving our campus, and supports the **United Nations Sustainability Development #Envision2030 Goal 10: Reduce Inequalities.**



WHAT GOES WHERE?

Mixed Recycle

- Paper products – magazines, newspaper, office paper, posters, etc.
- Flattened cardboard and paper
- Coffee cups and lids, plastic & paper take out containers
- Glass bottles and jars (rinsed)
- Metals – tin, aluminum, metal and steel food cans (rinsed)
- Plastic with recycling symbol
- Shrink wrap, stretch wrap and bubble wrap



WAXY TAKEOUT
CONTAINERS



COFFEE CUPS



PLASTICS



GLASS / METALS



PAPER PRODUCTS



PLASTIC CUPS

WHEN IN DOUBT,
CHOOSE MIXED RECYCLE

WHAT GOES WHERE?: SPECIALTY ITEMS

Electronics and Writing Tools

- Batteries
- Cell phones
- Digital cameras, GPS and calculators
- Ball point pens

Drop bins are available in the **Library,**
and the Cougar Campus Store, for recycling
these specialty items.

Hazardous Waste Disposal



Please contact:

Lesley, ext. 6064 | lpayne@mtroyal.ca

Environmental Health & Safety

Electronic Recycling and printer cartridges

are recycled through
Shipping and Receiving.

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- Only sanitizing wipes, masks, straws, gum, styrofoam and cellophane wrappers belong in landfill bins.
- Use less paper, and recycle what you do use.
- When in doubt, choose mixed recycle.
- Keep fluids out of all waste streams.
- When you recycle and conserve energy, you reduce our environmental footprint and save MRU tens of thousands of dollars per year.



thank
you

FOR YOUR COMMITMENT
TO SUSTAINABILITY AT MRU



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