

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development Office

Waste Management Policy

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) recognizes the environmental impact of the products and services we use, in particular our ecological footprint and the waste impact on our local and global environment.

As a socially responsible educational institution committed to sustainable development, we strive to reduce these impacts by adopting sound and pragmatic procurement and waste management practices, as well as engaging our stakeholders by raising awareness, promoting sustainable behaviour and embracing the “Polluter Pays” principle, wherever appropriate.

The University’s Waste Management Policy is based on a ‘waste management hierarchy’ which emphasizes a ‘6Rs’ principle – Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle/Recover. We accord top priority to waste reduction at source and encourage cyclical use of resources with disposal as the last resort. The ‘6Rs’ principle, elaborated in the Waste Management Guidelines, is adopted with reference to the developments in waste management which are relevant to a university setting.

We are committed to putting in place effective waste management that exceeds the legislative and regulatory requirements. We emphasize implementing procedures to prevent immediate and future pollution or harm to health, and continually improving our performance.