Follow Your Trash

Do you ever wonder what happens to your throwaways after you dispose of them? At Iowa State University, there are various pathways your waste may travel after it is thrown out — many of which keep it out of the landfill. Follow the flow chart below to see how your waste habits may be affecting the Ames community. Keep in mind the steps you, personally, can take to minimize our impact, as well as to keep waste out of the landfill.

**Recyclables**

- **Plastic**
- **Metal**
- **Paper**

From Campus Housing, Offices and Academic Buildings

Collected in Recycling Bins and Solar Recycling Compactors

Taken to Mid-America Recycling in Des Moines, Iowa

Distributed to Manufacturers to be made into new products

**Glass**

From Campus Residence Halls and Laboratories

Collected in Glass Recycling Buckets, Bins and Dumpsters

Taken to City of Ames Resource Recovery Center

Distributed to Manufacturers to be made into new products

**Compost**

From ISU Dining Centers and ISU Catering

Taken to ISU Compost Facility

Made into Compost

Taken to ISU Campus to be used as soil amendment

Taken to Horticulture Research Station to be used as soil amendment

Iowa State University is pursuing a zero waste goal of attaining at least 85% waste diversion from the landfill by 2025. The goal is intended to be a lifestyle, philosophy, movement and solution to reduce consumption, minimize campus waste and maximize recycling and reuse on campus. It is a process which eliminates rather than manages waste.

For More Information and Resources visit www.fpm.iastate.edu/recycling/

**Trash**

From Campus Housing, Offices and Academic Buildings

Collected from Dumpsters and Trash Cans

Distributed to Manufacturers to be made into new products

**Metal**

Processed as Refuse Derived Fuel

Supplied to the City of Ames Power Plant

Combined with natural gas to produce and provide electricity for City of Ames electric customers