

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



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

TRASH



From **CAMPUS HOUSING, OFFICES** and **ACADEMIC BUILDINGS**

Collected from **DUMPSTERS** and **TRASH CANS**

Taken to **City of Ames RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER**

METAL Gets **RECYCLED**

NON-BURNABLE Taken to **BOONE COUNTY LANDFILL**

BURNABLE

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

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/