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## **Introduction**

The University conducted a waste audit of the campus solid non-hazardous waste in January of this year. The last detailed waste audit was conducted by the University in 2005.

According to Ontario Regulation 102/94, educational institutions are required to update their waste audit information and work plans on a regular basis. There are several advantages to conducting regular waste audits which include; assessing the effectiveness of current campus waste diversion initiatives; providing recommendations for improvement and cost savings; and establishing new waste diversion targets.

## **Methodology**

The methodology of the 2011 audit is different from those conducted in previous years in the following ways:

- Waste was collected from all campus buildings as opposed to a representative sample from specific building types;

- University staff did not participate in the preparation of the waste sampled.





examination of the current organics program for the potential to capture food waste from other public areas on campus used by students, staff and faculty;

provision of outdoor recycling containers for cans, glass and plastic and paper recycling;

implementation of a fluorescent lamp recycling program;

book donations through Better World Books;

furniture reuse through the Queen's Freecycle@work application;

And continued participation in annual waste reduction and diversion awareness campaigns, such as Waste Reduction Week in October and the 8-