

Reduce Waste

Did you know...

Reducing Our Waste Footprint Is:

- Good for the environment and saves resources
- It's important not only to recycle, but also to reduce waste at the source by rethinking our daily choices.

Our Waste Footprint In The United States

- The U.S. accounts for 5% of the world's population and 30% of the world's resources used.
- In fact, every year Americans fill enough garbage trucks to form a line that would stretch from the earth halfway to the moon!

Here are ways to reduce your waste footprint:

- Recycle your glass, plastic, paper, and cans in the correct bin. Learn what you can recycle at UCI [here](#).
- Take advantage of the food waste compost bins provided in most communities to help us divert more waste from the landfill.
- Carry a reusable water bottle and fill it up at the nearest hydration station.
- Pick up a reusable "To Go" container when you swipe in for a meal if you have a campus meal plan.
- Say "no thanks" to single-use plastics such as straws. Choose reusable utensils and plates. Carry a reusable silverware set when on the go.
- Use a reusable, washable hand towel in your hall to cut down on paper towels.
- Donate gently used clothes at the donation bins located in your community or organize a clothing or home goods swap with your friends.
- Purchase items with recycled content and with little or no packaging when possible.