



Coffee Cups



More than 1 billion COFFEE CUPS are consumed every year in Australia.



Why we should recycle:

- Disposable paper cups without plastic or waxed coating can be recycled. Placing these cups into the general waste bin adds to the quantity of waste in landfills.
- Disposable coffee cups with a film of polyethylene are not recyclable and will release methane gas when sent to landfill, a greenhouse gas 28 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide.



How recycling helps

- Most coffee cup lids can be recycled if they have a Plastics Identification Code stamp (1-6), however it is recommended that you remove the lid from the cup when recycling.
- Recycling paper cups and using reusable mugs or KeepCups reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill and the emissions produced by waste decomposition.



What you can do

- Purchase a reusable mug or KeepCup to use when buying coffee. Most disposable coffee cups are not recyclable due to a thin film of plastic coating called polyethylene. Most coffee shops at UQ offer a discount if you bring your own mug!
- Buy durable mugs for your office to help reduce the amount of waste produced.
- The Properties & Facilities Store now sells UQ Sustainability KeepCups as an alternative to disposable cups. View the catalogue online at pf.uq.edu.au/catalogue/store or call the store at 51231.

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