UNC-CHAPEL HILL
RECYCLES!
2014-2015 PROGRAM RESULTS

CAMPUS RECOVERY RATE: THEN AND NOW

11.9%
1990-1991

45%
2014-2015

4,673 TONS OF MATERIALS WERE RECOVERED!
THAT IS ENOUGH TO SAVE:

21,202 TREES
twice as many trees as there are on campus

8,671,674
GALLONS OF WATER
enough to fill Bowman Grey Memorial Pool nine times

439,625
GALLONS OF GAS
enough to drive from Chapel Hill to New York City and back 9,508 times

TOTAL WASTE BREAKDOWN (IN TONS)

Total Compost
660 tons

Total Recycled
4,013 tons

Total Trash
5,656 tons

Total Waste: 10,329 tons

WHAT MAKES UP OUR RECOVERED MATERIALS?

Paper & Cardboard 29%
Other 4%
Bottles & Cans 2%
Construction Debris 9%
Single Stream Recycling 9%

Food & Yard Waste 49%
RESIDENTIAL COMPOST
In addition to existing food waste collection programs in dining halls and catering kitchens, 2015 marked the official launch of the Residential Compost program! These efforts resulted in an entire ton of food waste collected from eight residential communities. The food waste is chopped, watered and turned to create compost that is used for growing fresh produce at the Carolina Campus Community Garden. The produce is then harvested and distributed weekly to lower-income UNC employees. We are closing the loop with food waste right here on campus!

2014–2015
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MORE INFORMATION
For more detailed recycling results, to learn how you can reduce waste on campus, or to get involved, visit WasteReduction.unc.edu.

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Email us at recycling@fac.unc.edu

CAROLINA GREEN EVENTS
Certified Carolina Green Events happen year-round on UNC’s campus, ensuring the Tar Heels host eco-friendly events facilitated by OWRR. Coordinators of several large events hosted sustainable gatherings such as the Sustainability Social, Feeding the 5000, Campus Sustainability Day, UNC Dance Marathon and the NCAPPA Conference which featured a Zero Waste golf tournament and a Zero Waste exhibit hall!

75 GREEN EVENTS WERE HELD ACROSS CAMPUS FROM JULY 2014–JUNE 2015!