

# Welcome to *sustainable* Aalto!

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Join Aalto University in building a sustainable future.

## Research and teaching, sustainable campus

Sustainability and social responsibility are present in all Aalto schools. Read more about the research and education on sustainability and how they are embedded in Aalto activities and on campuses:

[aalto.fi/sustainability](https://aalto.fi/sustainability)

## Purchases

In Aalto University, we aim to consider responsibility in all our procurement. It's also easy to favour responsible consumption:

- Sell, borrow, rent or exchange goods and services or look for an apartment from Aalto's own sharetribe: [aalto.sharetribe.com](https://aalto.sharetribe.com)
- Used furniture and home appliances: [kierratyskeskus.ayy.fi](https://kierratyskeskus.ayy.fi) (students' recycling center in Otaniemi), [kierratyskeskus.fi/in\\_english](https://kierratyskeskus.fi/in_english)
- Find sustainable services: [greenmap.fi](https://greenmap.fi)

## Recycling

Approximately 90% of Aalto's waste is recycled. Of course, the best waste is always no waste.

- Sort waste according to provided instructions, both on campus and in your spare time. Read more: [hsy.fi](https://hsy.fi) and Aalto Inside (Sustainable campus) \*

## Electronics, IT

Use computers and other devices eco-efficiently. The IT Service Desk can help you.

- Check the power save settings on your computer, even the sleep mode uses up power
- Turn off the screen, lights and devices, when you are not using them
- Minimise your paper consumption, print on both sides of a paper and in smaller print
- Electronic waste can be returned to relevant stores free of charge

## Transport

Aalto strives to offer sustainable solutions for transportation and develops them with Aalto University Properties, HSL and cities.

- Whenever possible walk, cycle or use public transportation, favoring rail traffic
- Journey planner for cyclists: [pk.reittiopas.fi](https://pk.reittiopas.fi), public transport: [www.reittiopas.fi/en](https://www.reittiopas.fi/en)
- Borrow a carrier bike and other cyclists' services, read more: Aalto Inside (Sustainable campus) \*
- You can fix your own bike in Otaniemi at BFIX bike repair points \* or bikepoli.fi
- You can compensate emissions e.g. [www.climatefriendly.com](https://www.climatefriendly.com)

## Housing and university buildings

Aalto is active in developing energy efficiency in its campuses. You can also make an impact in your own environment:

- The easiest ecological deed is to consider where to buy electricity, for example [vaihdavirtaa.net](https://vaihdavirtaa.net), [ekosahko.fi](https://ekosahko.fi)
- Turn off lights and electrical devices
- Save water when showering or washing
- "No adds please" sticker in your door is an easy way to cut down on paper waste
- Read more: Aalto Inside (Sustainable campus) \*

## Food

After transport and properties, food is the most significant factor affecting climate change. Aalto favours local food in its student and staff restaurants.

- Favour vegetarian and seasonal foods, as well as local, organic and fairtrade
- Only take as much as you can eat
- Use proper cutlery, instead of paper or plastic
- Tapwater is an ecological choice for drink
- Urban gardening is possible at Arabia and Otaniemi. Read more: Aalto Inside (Sustainable campus) \*
- Policy for campus restaurants. Read more: Aalto Inside (Campus restaurants) \*

## Leisure time, events

- The Student Union is a good platform for promoting sustainable and ethical activities, e.g. Bikepoli, Development Cooperation Section, Environmental Club of Otaniemi, Otaniemi Urban Gardening Association and Sustainable Business Club. Read more: [www.ayy.fi](https://www.ayy.fi)
- In addition, the University needs student representatives for various types of organs where you can contribute to sustainable development. Read more: [www.ayy.fi](https://www.ayy.fi)
- Check the Aalto event guide for organising events in a sustainable manner, Read more: Aalto Inside (Events) \*

## More information

[aalto.fi/vastuullisuus](https://aalto.fi/vastuullisuus)

[inside.aalto.fi](https://inside.aalto.fi) (Sustainable development and social responsibility) \*

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\* [Links to Aalto Inside work only when connected to Aalto network.](#)