FOLLOW YOUR TRASH

Do you ever wonder what happens to your throwaways after you dispose of them? At Iowa State University, there are various pathways your waste may travel after it is disposed — many of which keep it out of the landfill. Follow the flow chart below to see how your waste habits may be affecting the Ames community, taking note as to the steps you, personally, can take to minimize our impact, as well as to keep waste out of the landfill.

**RECYCLABLES**

- **PLASTIC**
- **METAL**
- **PAPER**
- **CARDBOARD**
- **NEWSPAPER**
- **GLASS**

FROM **CAMPUS HOUSING, OFFICES AND ACADEMIC BUILDINGS**

**COLLECTED IN RECYCLING BINS AND SOLAR TRASH COMPACTORS**

**TAKEN TO PROCESSORS** (to be made into new products)

**FROM CAMPUS RESIDENCE HALLS AND LABORATORIES**

**COLLECTED IN TIDY CATS RECYCLING BINS & GLASS DUMPSTERS**

**TAKEN TO RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTER** (to get crushed and recycled)

**COMPOST**

- **FOOD ITEMS FROM ISU DINING CENTERS AND ISU CATERING**

**TAKEN TO ISU COMPOST FACILITY**

**MADE INTO COMPOST**

**TAKEN TO ISU CAMPUS** for creating new soil to be used on campus

**AND**

**HORTICULTURE FARM** for supporting growth of crops

**GARBAGE**

FROM **CAMPUS HOUSING, OFFICES AND ACADEMIC BUILDINGS**

**COLLECTED FROM DUMPSTERS AND TRASH CANS**

**BURNABLE**

- **REFUSE-DERIVED FUEL**

**TAKEN TO POWER PLANT**

**METAL**

**GLASS**

**GETS RECYCLED**

**TAKEN TO RESOURCES RECOVERY CENTER**

**NON-BURNABLE**

- **TAKEN TO BOONE County landfill**

**CITY OF AMES ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS**

**ELECTRICITY** (by adding natural gas)