



# Sustainable Research Procurement Guide

UNSW Science Sustainability Working Group

Did you know that 33% of UNSW's carbon footprint comes from our supply chain<sup>1</sup>? The purchasing decisions of our research community have a significant impact on human health and the natural environment. We can make big improvements to the way we procure materials.

## BEFORE PURCHASING NEW MATERIALS

### Reduce

- x Buy only what you need and consolidate orders.
- x Maintain an accurate inventory in your laboratory to reduce waste.

Use a convenient recycling facility inside or near to your laboratory. Clean, uncontaminated plastic, glass, paper, cardboard and polystyrene can be recycled. Read more about how to recycle on campus [here](#)

- x Book an [Archibus request](#)

<sup>1</sup> Published UNSW Environment Sustainability Report 2019