

Waste Chute System

The waste chute system is designed to take domestic waste bags that fit through the opening without being pushed in under force.

The waste chute has not been designed to take large pieces of cardboard or packaging of goods that you have purchased.

Putting large items down the chute that have needed some effort to put them in will invariably lead to a blockage of the chute.

When the chute becomes blocked, the build-up will start to smell and cause nuisance and inconvenience to your fellow students in the building.

Firstly let's deal with the cardboard issue. We have allocated one of the store cupboards on the ground floor for you to leave cardboard in until the waste/recycling area has been vacated by the contractor. A notice will be put up so you know which one to use. Please take your waste cardboard down to this storage cupboard. Please also ensure that it is folded up as tightly as possible. We will then arrange for the cardboard to be removed from the site on a regular basis.

With this cupboard being temporarily allocated for waste cardboard please do not put any further cardboard down the chute, as it is really causing a serious problem to other students when it becomes blocked.

Domestic rubbish from your studios

As mentioned above, the waste chute is designed to take bags that can be put through the opening with no more than a small amount of effort. Even if you are successful in pushing a large bag into the chute the likelihood is that it will block the chute and this will cause everybody else considerable inconvenience.

Typical size bags that would go down the chute are the plastic bags that your shopping comes in, these can be used as waste bags instead of buying plastic bags for your bins. If you are using the typical "bags for life" as issued from the supermarkets then you will probably be using white plastic bags that fit your

waste bins. Do not overfill them. As long as you don't have to force them through the chute opening these should be fine.

Students on the ground floor should, for the time being, leave their rubbish outside their rooms and it will be removed by the contractor. This will change once the waste management room is handed back to the building manager.

Please do not put full large black plastic bags into the chute they will just block the chute.

General recycling

We support and encourage the recycling of waste product and materials. In discussion with the waste management company they are happy to collect separated products - general paper and cardboard, tins and plastics.

Unfortunately they do not seem to be able to deal with glass. We will investigate the provision of a bottle bank, if we can find a suitable place to put it and a supplier willing to put one on the site

The chute system does not distinguish between different types of rubbish. So all rubbish going down the chute will be disposed of as ordinary domestic rubbish and will not be subject to recycling.

To recycle items, you will need to take them down to the waste management room and put them into the individually allocated waste bins. We know that this may require a bit of effort on your part, but we all have to contribute if we want to recycle waste items.

The waste recycling process will not be available until the contractor has vacated the waste management room which is currently used a mess hall for the contractors staff. Therefore please put all appropriately sized waste bags down the waste chute for the time being.

As always if you have any questions, please go and speak to Julia Tibbett.