

Waste Management Policy




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1	Name of Policy	Waste Management Policy
3	Brief Description of the Policy	<p>The Waste Management Policy outlines the framework for effective waste management at the University, promoting sustainability, compliance with regulations, and the protection of the environment.</p> <p>This policy applies to all members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It covers all types of waste generated on campus, including general waste, recyclables, hazardous waste, and organic waste.</p>
5	Approved by	Governing Body
6	References for the policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and its amendments 2. Solid Waste Management Rules, 2015

POLICY DESCRIPTION

A. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The policy aims to reduce waste generation, encourage recycling and reuse, and ensure safe disposal methods.

Objectives:

- To minimize waste generation across all university operations.
- To promote recycling and the use of sustainable materials.
- To ensure compliance with local, state, and federal waste management regulations.
- To raise awareness among students, faculty, and staff about responsible waste management practices.

B. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Waste Classification

- **General Waste:** Non-recyclable materials that cannot be reused or composted.
- **Recyclables:** Materials such as paper, cardboard, glass, plastics, and metals that can be processed for reuse.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Substances that are harmful to human health or the environment, including chemicals and electronic waste.
- **Organic Waste:** Biodegradable waste such as food scraps and yard waste.

2. Waste Reduction Strategies

- Implement educational programs to promote waste reduction and recycling initiatives.
- Encourage the use of digital platforms to reduce paper usage.
- Foster partnerships with local businesses to create a circular economy and promote sustainable practices.

3. Recycling Program

- Provide clearly labelled recycling bins throughout the campus, with guidance on acceptable materials.
- Regularly monitor and assess recycling rates and improve programs as necessary.
- Collaborate with local waste management authorities for effective recycling and waste diversion efforts.

4. **Hazardous Waste Management**

- Establish protocols for the proper disposal of hazardous materials, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Provide training for staff handling hazardous materials to ensure safety and proper procedures.
- Designate specific collection areas for hazardous waste and conduct regular audits.

5. **Organic Waste Management**

- Implement composting programs for food waste from dining services and organic material from landscaping.
- Provide compost bins in cafeterias and public areas to encourage participation.
- Educate the university community on the benefits of composting and reducing food waste.

C. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- **Administration:** Oversee the implementation and enforcement of the waste management policy.
- **Facilities Management:** Ensure proper waste disposal and maintenance of waste management infrastructure.
- **Faculty and Staff:** Participate in training and promote waste reduction practices within departments.
- **Students:** Engage in waste reduction initiatives and participate in recycling and composting programs.

D. **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

- Regularly assess waste management practices and their effectiveness.
- Conduct surveys to gather feedback from the university community on waste management efforts.
- Set measurable goals for waste reduction, recycling rates, and sustainability initiatives, and report progress annually.

The success of the Waste Management Policy relies on the commitment of the entire university community to adopt sustainable practices. By working together, the University can lead by example in promoting a cleaner, healthier urban environment.