

15.4.2 Policy on reducing plastic waste on campus



Policy to reduce Plastic wates on Campus.

Reducing plastic waste on a university campus is a crucial step in promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility. This policy outline includes:


1. **Objectives:** The primary objective of this policy is to minimize plastic waste on the university campus by promoting the responsible use of plastics and encouraging sustainable alternatives.
2. **Definitions:**
 - a. **Plastic wastes:** Any discarded plastic items, including but not limited to bottles, bags, containers, and utensils.
 - b. **Single use plastics:** Disposable plastic items designed for one-time use, such as straws, cups, and cutlery.
3. **Guidelines**
 - 3.1. **Plastic reduction initiatives:** The university will actively promote and implement initiatives to reduce plastic waste, with an emphasis on single-use plastics.
 - 3.2. **Plastic recycling station:** The university provides easily accessible and well-labeled recycling bins for plastic waste across the campus.
 - 3.3. **Plastic free alternatives:** The university will encourage the use of reusable and sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics, such as reusable water bottles, metal straws, and eco-friendly food containers. These alternatives should be made readily available to the campus community.
 - 3.4. **Education and Awareness:** The university conducts awareness campaigns in faculties and in related educational programs to inform students, faculty, and staff about the environmental impact of plastic waste and how to reduce it.
4. **Responsibilities:** It is the responsibility of the university administration to implement and monitor the Plastic waste reduction initiatives, and encourage students to reduce their own plastic waste and support the university's efforts. Faculty and staff should lead by example and minimize their plastic waste in both professional and personal settings.
5. **Reporting:** Regular assessments and reports on the progress of plastic waste reduction efforts will be made available to the university community and the public.
6. **Compliance and enforcement:** Failure to comply with this policy may result in fines, warnings, or other appropriate measures as determined by the university administration.
7. **Review and update:** This policy will be reviewed periodically every academic term to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments to meet changing environmental goals and standards.

Conclusion: The university is committed to reducing plastic waste on its campus to promote environmental sustainability and foster a culture of responsible consumption. Through this policy, the university aims to minimize its ecological footprint and encourage its community members to do the same .

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Policy Statements on waste disposal

Plastic wastes and hazardous medical wastes

The Strategy announces that the AU support the global transition to sustainable agri-food systems, in line with its objectives and the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#)

Alexandria University understands that wastes and particularly medical waste from the university hospitals and laboratories is a source of hazardous biomedical waste.

Alexandria University considers disposal is an important aspect, and issued a policy to minimise wastes of all kinds:

1. Medical hazardous from Medical centers including hospitals, clinics, and places where diagnosis and treatment are conducted
2. Plastic wastes from university food courts, and internal shops
3. Food wastes produced from food courts and dorms
4. Paper wastes produced for faculty administration departments
5. Glassware produced from laboratories and research centres

Such policies are framed to avoid spread of infections by providing specification for handling waste for generation, segregation, collection, storage, transportation, and treatment.

Awareness workshops and training are to be conducted at all levels through various means of communication and education, so that the risks of spreading the health hazards could be minimized.

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