

Policy on Waste Disposal - Landfill Policy

Introduction

The Galgotias University recognizes its environmental responsibilities and is committed to sustainable waste management practices. This policy outlines the university's approach to waste disposal, emphasizing the reduction of waste sent to landfills and the promotion of recycling. The university is dedicated to monitoring, measuring, and continually improving its waste management strategies to minimize the environmental impact.

Objectives

- To reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by implementing effective waste reduction and recycling programs.
- To monitor and measure the amount of waste generated, recycled, and sent to landfills to assess progress and set achievable goals for waste reduction.
- To promote awareness and education within the university community about the importance of waste reduction and recycling.

Waste Measurement and Reporting

Waste Audit: The university will conduct regular waste audits to determine the composition and quantity of waste generated across various campus facilities. These audits will include the categorization of waste into recyclable, compostable, and non-recyclable materials.

Waste Metrics: The university will measure the following waste-related metrics:

- Total waste generated
- Amount of waste recycled
- Amount of waste sent to landfills
- Recycling rates (percentage of waste recycled)
- Waste diversion rates (percentage of waste diverted from landfills)

Reporting: The results of waste audits and waste metrics will be documented and made available to the university community through periodic reports, which will be published and easily accessible on the university's website.



Waste Reduction and Recycling Programs

- **Recycling:** The university will establish and maintain a robust recycling program that encompasses the collection and recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, plastics, metals, and other recyclable materials. Recycling bins will be strategically placed throughout the campus, and clear signage will be used to encourage participation.
- **Composting:** Organic waste, such as food scraps and yard waste, will be collected and composted whenever feasible. Composting facilities or partnerships with local composting facilities will be established to reduce the organic waste sent to landfills.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Hazardous waste materials will be managed in accordance with the university's Hazardous Waste Disposal Policy to ensure they are disposed of safely, reducing any potential harm to the environment.
- **E-waste:** Electronic waste, including obsolete electronics and equipment, will be collected separately and disposed of in compliance with electronic waste recycling regulations.

Waste Reduction Strategies

The university will implement waste reduction strategies, such as:

- a. Encouraging the use of electronic documents to reduce paper waste.
- b. Promoting the use of reusable and sustainable products.
- c. Participating in "reduce and reuse" campaigns.
- d. Ensuring responsible procurement practices, favoring products with less packaging.

Awareness and Education

The university will conduct awareness and education campaigns to inform and engage the campus community in waste reduction and recycling efforts. These campaigns may include workshops, seminars, and outreach activities to promote a culture of sustainability.

Review and Improvement

The university will conduct regular reviews of its waste management policies and practices to assess the effectiveness of its waste reduction and recycling efforts. These reviews will lead to the establishment of new targets and initiatives for continuous improvement.

The university will seek input from the campus community and stakeholders to refine and enhance waste management practices.



Compliance and Enforcement

Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all university departments, faculty, staff, and students.

Non-compliance may result in disciplinary actions in accordance with the university's policies and procedures.

This landfill policy reaffirms the university's commitment to sustainability and responsible waste management. By measuring and reporting waste generation, recycling, and landfill disposal, the university aims to drive continuous improvement in its waste management practices and engage the entire campus community in the pursuit of a more sustainable and environmentally responsible future.

