

Policy for Minimization of Plastic Use

Introduction

The Galgotias University is dedicated to environmental stewardship and recognizes the critical importance of reducing plastic use and its associated environmental impacts. This policy outlines the university's commitment to minimizing the use of plastic across campus, aligning with principles of sustainability, resource conservation, and environmental responsibility.

Objectives

To reduce the consumption of single-use plastic items, promote the use of alternatives, and limit plastic waste generated by the university.

To encourage sustainable alternatives, reusable options, and responsible procurement practices within the university community.

To raise awareness and educate students, faculty, and staff about the environmental consequences of plastic use and the benefits of sustainable practices.

Strategies for Minimizing Plastic Use

Single-Use Plastic Reduction:

- a. The university will actively work to eliminate single-use plastic items, such as plastic straws, cutlery, and bags, in campus dining facilities, vending machines, and at university-sponsored events.
- b. Compostable or biodegradable alternatives will be used whenever possible.

Procurement Guidelines:

- a. The procurement department will implement sustainable procurement practices that prioritize products with minimal plastic packaging and materials that can be reused, recycled, or composted.
- b. Preference will be given to suppliers who offer products with reduced plastic packaging and environmentally responsible materials.



Plastic Bottle Reduction:

- a. The university will discourage the sale of single-use plastic water bottles on campus.
- b. Accessible water refill stations and the sale of reusable water bottles will be promoted as alternatives.

Campus Events:

- a. Campus event organizers are encouraged to minimize plastic use, including event flyers, banners, and promotional materials. Electronic communication and digital materials should be prioritized.
- b. When plastic materials are necessary, organizers should ensure they are recyclable or compostable.

E-waste Management:

The university will establish procedures for the responsible disposal and recycling of electronic waste to prevent the accumulation of plastic components in landfills.

Plastic Awareness and Education:

The university will conduct regular awareness campaigns, workshops, and educational programs to inform the campus community about the environmental impact of plastic use and the benefits of reduction. b. Prominent signage and communication will be used to remind the campus community to reduce plastic usage and embrace sustainable practices.

Monitoring and Reporting

The university will measure and report its progress in minimizing plastic use through annual sustainability reports and periodic waste audits.

Key performance indicators will include data on reduced consumption of single-use plastics, increased use of alternatives, and progress toward plastic elimination.

Compliance and Enforcement



All departments, faculty, staff, and students are expected to adhere to this policy and actively participate in minimizing plastic use on campus.

Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary actions in accordance with university policies and procedures.

Review and Improvement

The university will conduct regular reviews of this policy and its effectiveness in reducing plastic use. The policy will be updated as needed to reflect new practices and evolving sustainability standards.

Campus Community Engagement

The university will actively seek input and engagement from students, faculty, and staff to foster a culture of sustainability and responsibility in reducing plastic use.

This policy reinforces the university's commitment to sustainability and responsible resource management. By minimizing plastic use and promoting sustainable alternatives, the University aims to reduce its environmental footprint and contribute to a more environmentally sustainable campus community.

