


Waste Management and Sustainability Policy		
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Objective

The Waste Management and Sustainability Policy aims to establish a structured approach to waste disposal and sustainability practices at SR University. It focuses on managing hazardous materials, reducing landfill waste, and extending waste minimization policies to outsourced services and suppliers. This policy aligns with the principles outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 6, 12 & 13).

Scope

This policy applies to all departments, facilities, and stakeholders, including staff, students, contractors, and suppliers associated with SR University.

Policy Statement

SR University is committed to implementing sustainable waste management practices to minimize environmental impact. The University prioritizes safe disposal of hazardous materials, reduction of landfill waste, and integration of sustainability principles into its supply chain and outsourced services.

Key Components

1. Hazardous Waste Management

- *Identification and Segregation:* Hazardous materials will be identified and segregated at the source.
- *Storage and Handling:* Proper storage facilities and handling protocols will be maintained to prevent accidents and contamination.
- *Disposal:* Hazardous waste will be disposed of in compliance with local and national regulations, including guidelines from the Government of India.
- *Training:* Regular training sessions will be conducted for staff and students on safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials.

2. Waste Disposal and Recycling

- *Measurement and Monitoring:*
 - Systems will be established to measure the amount of waste generated, sent to landfill, and recycled.
 - Periodic audits will be conducted to evaluate waste management practices.
- *Landfill Reduction Goals:*
 - Set annual targets to reduce the percentage of waste sent to landfills.

- Encourage waste segregation to improve recycling efficiency.
- **Recycling Initiatives:**
 - Partner with local recycling facilities to ensure proper recycling of paper, plastics, metals, and e-waste.
 - Implement campus-wide programs for composting organic waste.

3. Extension to Outsourced Services and Supply Chain

- **Integration into Contracts:**
 - All contracts with outsourced services and suppliers will include clauses requiring compliance with SR University's waste management and sustainability standards.
- **Capacity Building:**
 - Training and support will be provided to outsourced partners to align their practices with the University's sustainability goals.

4. Awareness and Education by NSS & NCC

- **Campus-Wide Awareness:**
 - Workshops, seminars, and campaigns will educate students and staff about sustainable waste management.
- **Community Engagement:**
 - Initiatives will be launched to involve the local community in waste reduction and recycling activities.

5. Monitoring Tools

- **Waste Tracking Systems:**
 - Implement software solutions to track waste generation and recycling rates.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:**
 - Establish channels for stakeholders to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Review and Continuous Improvement

This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure relevance and effectiveness. Recommendations for improvements will be submitted to the Board of Management for approval.



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