

Policy on Disposal Services: Extensions to Services

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Application

This policy applies to all students, staff, and visitors at Galgotias University, as well as all outsourced service providers and suppliers involved in waste management operations on campus.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to minimize the environmental impact of the university's operations, ensure regulatory compliance, and promote ethical waste management practices throughout the institution. The policy aims to foster sustainable waste disposal methods across all university departments, services, and external collaborations.

Policy Statement

Galgotias University is committed to adopting a comprehensive waste disposal strategy that covers general waste, hazardous waste, electronic waste (e-waste), and other categories of waste generated across the campus. This policy extends to outsourced service providers and suppliers who are integral to waste management activities.

Environmental Responsibility

Waste Minimization:

The university is committed to reducing waste generation across all activities. We promote waste minimization through strategies such as source reduction, recycling, and the responsible reuse of materials. All departments, staff, and students are encouraged to actively participate in these efforts.

Recycling Programs:

The university aims to establish and maintain an effective recycling system for materials such as paper, plastics, glass, metals, and other recyclable waste. Well-placed, clearly labeled recycling bins will be accessible throughout the campus to facilitate participation and encourage sustainable practices.

Hazardous Waste Management

Identification and Labeling:

Hazardous waste produced on university premises will be carefully identified, accurately labeled, and stored separately from non-hazardous materials to prevent cross-contamination. All hazardous materials will be tracked through an inventory system maintained by the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Office.

Segregation and Disposal:

Hazardous waste will be handled in compliance with national and international environmental regulations. The university will work with certified, licensed disposal services to ensure that hazardous materials are disposed of responsibly and in a manner that adheres to the highest environmental standards.

E-Waste Management

Collection and Storage:

Electronic waste (e-waste) generated by the university will be collected and securely stored in dedicated e-waste storage areas. All e-waste disposal will comply with relevant regulations governing the handling and disposal of electronic waste.

Responsible Disposal:

The university will collaborate with certified e-waste management service providers to ensure proper disposal, including recycling and the safe dismantling of electronic devices in an environmentally responsible manner. These practices will comply with all relevant environmental guidelines, reducing harmful impacts on ecosystems.

Outsourced Services and Supply Chain Integration

Contractual Obligations:

Galgotias University recognizes the critical role that outsourced service providers play in waste management. To ensure compliance with this policy, contracts with waste disposal providers will include clauses that mandate adherence to environmental regulations and ethical waste management practices.

Supplier Responsibility:

The university expects all suppliers to follow applicable waste disposal regulations and adopt responsible waste management practices. Suppliers will be encouraged to minimize excessive packaging and waste throughout their supply chain processes. Galgotias University will actively engage with suppliers to foster sustainable practices, ensuring that the entire supply chain supports the university's sustainability objectives.

Continuous Improvement and Reporting

The university will regularly review and update this policy to incorporate best practices in waste management and stay in compliance with evolving environmental standards. Progress will be monitored, and annual reports on waste management efforts and outcomes will be shared with the university community.