

Waste Management Policy

Introduction:

The University of Faisalabad is committed to reducing its environmental impacts through effective waste management and aims to divert waste from landfill.

In order to meet our legal obligations and recycling aspirations, the University requires all staff, students, contractors and visitors to comply with this policy and associated procedures on waste management.

Aims and Objectives:

The purpose of this policy is to enable the university to honour its commitment to manage waste responsibly.

To achieve this, the university will:

- Remain compliant with all relevant waste legislation
- Aim to reduce the amount of waste generated and the associated environmental impacts by applying the principles of the waste management hierarchy
- Provide facilities to ensure the safe handling, effective segregation and secure storage of waste in entire university and hostels with these aimed at maximizing reuse and recycling opportunities
- Set specific objectives and targets in relation to minimizing waste, improving recycling rates and reducing disposal to landfill
- Complete regular waste audits in order to drive continual improvement
- Provide appropriate training and induction for staff, students and visitors around waste practices and site specific requirements

Scope:

This policy applies to activities across all sites and applies to all staff, students, contractors and visitors.

Definitions:

- **Waste:** Waste includes any substance or object which the holder discards or intends or is required to discard and any substance which constitutes a scrap material, an effluent or other unwanted surplus or any substance which requires to be disposed of which has been broken, worn out, contaminated or otherwise spoiled as per the policy.
- **General waste:** A form of controlled waste, comprising of all waste from the university the exception of fibre, co-mingled recyclables, food waste and hazardous waste.
- **Fibre waste:** Card and paper
- **Co-mingled waste:** Cans, Glass and Plastic
- **Hazardous Waste:** It includes waste that could, in certain circumstances, be harmful to human health or the environment in the short or long term due to its physical, chemical or biological properties. Batteries, fluorescent tubes, photographic chemicals, paint, waste oils, solvents, acids, alkaline solutions, pesticides and electrical equipment are all hazardous wastes.

The Policy Principles:

All staff, students, contractors and visitors have a personal responsibility to ensure the waste they create is dealt with in accordance with this policy.

- The Food Committee will ensure appropriate procedures and waste management processes are in place as applicable for the principal waste streams (e.g. General waste, fibre waste, co-mingled waste and hazardous waste from estate activities)
- Waste should be prevented or minimized wherever possible and must be stored, carried, processed or disposed of in accordance with the principles of duty of care.
- Waste must be stored in compliant and suitable containers and locations pending their disposal.
- Waste containers must be securely sealed to prevent accidental spillage or leakage
- Segregation of waste must occur on site to prevent contamination and mixing of materials to maximize the opportunity for recycling
- Waste is not to be stored in plant rooms, service risers or any other location not intended for waste collection
- Waste and recycling removed from the university must only be transported by persons or service providers that are authorized to do so
- Audits of waste will be carried out throughout the year by a range of university staff and external auditors
- Reports on findings from audits will inform the procedures of dealing with waste to ensure legal and regulatory compliance and continually improve our environmental impact and performance
- Laboratory staff, IT staff and other technicians with responsibilities for the disposal of waste must ensure that they are doing so legally and appropriately

Policy Implementation:

This policy is implemented to all employees, students, contractor and visitors of The University of Faisalabad.