

# Green and Plastic-Free Campus Policy document

As an educational institution committed to sustainability, and environmental responsibility, we recognize the critical importance of minimizing our ecological footprint. The policy document outlines our commitment to creating a green and plastic-free campus environment, encompassing various initiatives aimed at reducing waste, conserving resources, and promoting sustainable practices.

## Objectives:

1. Reduce plastic usage and promote alternatives
2. Minimize waste generation and encourage recycling.
3. Foster a culture of sustainability among students, faculty, and staff.
4. Enhance green spaces and biodiversity on campus.
5. Collaborate with stakeholders to implement sustainable solutions.

## Policy Statement:

1. **Policy Reduction:** A. Ban the use of single-use plastic items such as straws, cups, cutlery, and bags on campus. B. Encourage the use of reusable alternatives and provide convenient access to water refill stations. C. Partner with vendors to offer plastic-free packaging options for food and beverages sold on campus. D. Conduct awareness campaigns and educational programs to promote plastic reduction among the campus community.
2. **Waste Management:** A. Implement a comprehensive waste management system that includes segregation, recycling, and composting facilities. B. Install recycling bins in strategic locations across the campus and provide clear instructions for proper waste disposal. C. Organize regular clean-up drives and community events to raise awareness about waste management and environmental stewardship.
3. **Sustainable Procurement:** A. Prioritize the procurement of eco-friendly and sustainable products for campus operations. B. Include environmental criteria in procurement policies and evaluate supplies based on their sustainable practices. C. Encourage the adoption of the circular economy principles, such as product reuse and repair, in procurement decisions.
4. **Green Spaces:** A. Enhance green spaces on campus through tree planting initiatives, landscaping projects, and native species restoration efforts. B. Maintain biodiversity by preserving natural habitats and creating a wildlife-friendly environment. C. Provide opportunities for students and faculty to engage in hands-on gardening and horticulture activities.
5. **Stakeholder Engagement:** A. Foster partnerships with local communities, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to advance shared sustainability goals. B. Collaborate with student organizations, academic departments, and administrative units to implement sustainability initiatives and programs. C. Solicit feedback from the campus community through surveys, forums, and advisory committees to inform decision-making and ensure inclusivity.

## **Implementation:**

1. Establishing a committee responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and monitoring progress.
2. Develop an action plan with specific targets, timelines, and responsibilities for each objective outlined in this document.
3. Allocate adequate resources and funding to support sustainable initiatives and infrastructure improvements.
4. Integrate sustainability principles into campus planning, design, and operations.
5. Regularly assess and report on the effectiveness of this policy through sustainability reports,, and performance metrics



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