Waste Management Policy



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General Provisions

Lankaran State University (LSU) promotes the efficient use of resources and the prevention, reduction, segregation, reuse, and recycling of waste in accordance with the principles of environmental protection and sustainable development.

This Policy applies to all University structural units, academic and administrative buildings, student dormitories and campus areas, as well as contractors providing services on campus and suppliers involved in waste-related activities.





Objectives

prevent and reduce waste generation and the amount of waste sent to landfill;
promote segregation at source and recycling;
measure and record the amounts of waste generated, recycled, and sent to landfill;
ensure separate and safe management of hazardous waste;
minimise the use of plastic and disposable items;
prioritise sustainable, reusable, and lower-waste options in procurement and service delivery;
extend waste-management responsibilities to outsourced services and the supply chain;
strengthen environmental awareness among students and staff.

Waste Segregation and Management

Where feasible, waste is separated at the point of generation into the following categories:
paper and cardboard;
plastic;
glass and metal;
food and organic waste;
electronic waste;
hazardous waste;
other municipal waste.
Recyclable waste is collected separately and directed to appropriate recycling services or facilities. Reuse and composting options are considered where available. Electronic and hazardous waste is kept separate from general waste and transferred or disposed of in accordance with applicable legislation, safety requirements, and procedures.



Waste Measurement and Monitoring

To improve waste management, LSU seeks to track the amounts of waste generated across the University, the amount directed to recycling, and the amount sent to landfill. Relevant units and contractors collect available information and request data from service providers where possible.

Waste figures are recorded in metric tonnes where data are available.

Recycled waste is treated as part of the total amount of waste generated.

The amount of waste sent to landfill is recorded separately.

Records may be supported by service contracts, transfer notes, receipts, or reports from waste-management service providers.

The coverage and availability of data are reviewed regularly; where feasible, a university-wide tracking system is used.



Reduction of Plastic and Disposable Items



LSU promotes the reduction of plastic consumption and the use of disposable items. Measures include:

reducing paper and plastic consumption and expanding electronic document management and double-sided printing;

preferring reusable containers, supplies, and other products;

limiting single-use plastic packaging and other disposable products where feasible and appropriate;

considering product safety, durability, and waste generation when selecting alternatives.

Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste includes biological, chemical, radiological, and physical materials that may cause harm to people, animals, or the environment. Such waste is separated, labelled where appropriate, stored safely, and transferred to authorised services in accordance with applicable requirements. Hazardous waste must not be mixed with general municipal waste.



Outsourced Services and Suppliers



The University may provide information materials, seminars, campaigns, and other awareness-raising activities for students and staff on responsible consumption, waste reduction, segregation, and recycling.

Responsibility and Continuous Improvement

The University administration designates a responsible structural unit to coordinate waste-management activities. Relevant units, staff members, and contractors are expected to comply with this Policy within their areas of responsibility.
Available information on waste volumes, recycling, waste sent to landfill, and implementation of this Policy is reviewed regularly. Improvement measures are identified based on the results.



Final Provisions

This Policy supports efficient resource use, waste reduction, and the integration of responsible consumption and production principles into the University's day-to-day operations. It enters into force on the date of approval by the University administration and may be updated when necessary.

