



# **Solid/Inorganic Waste Management Policy**

## **Purpose**

In pursuance to our commitment towards environment sustainability, the policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the proper management of solid/inorganic waste generated within Iqra University premises. By implementing efficient waste management practices, Iqra University seeks to create a clean, safe, and sustainable campus environment for its students, staff, and visitors.

## **Scope**

The policy applies to overall Iqra University's campuses, departments, units, and individuals and the associated people, including; senior administration, students, faculty, staff, third party contractors and suppliers. It encompasses all solid/inorganic waste generated within the university premises, including but not limited to paper, plastic, glass, metal, and electronic waste.

## **Introduction**

Iqra University's commitment towards protecting the environment and implementing sustainable measures in our everyday processes to reach Net Zero Target by 2030 - plays a central role in the strategic decision-making and enabler for future initiatives.

The University recognizes its responsibility to manage solid/inorganic waste in an environmentally responsible manner, as outlines in IU's Environment Strategy & Environment Sustainability Policy. Proper waste management not only reduces pollution and conserves natural resources but also contributes to the university's commitment to social responsibility and community welfare.

By integrating responsible waste management into our procurement processes, we seek to lead by example, drive positive change, and contribute to the well-being of both our campus community and the broader society.

## Policy Statement

- The university will adhere to the principles of the waste management hierarchy, prioritizing waste reduction, enhance focus on minimizing waste production and the associated environmental consequences.
- Establish a clear understanding of waste management and performance protocols to reduce waste, increase recycling rates, and decrease landfill disposal.
- Establish effective minimum standards and regular waste audits will be conducted by the Administration Department to ensure for strict compliance.
- The university will establish dedicated facilities designed to facilitate secure processing, efficient segregation, and safe storage of waste. Emphasizing the importance of reuse and recycling alternatives, among IU Community.
- The Administration Department will collaborate with all the departments conducting any sort of public gathering/events to ensure proper collection, segregation, and disposal of event-generated waste. Post-event cleanup procedures will be followed to restore the venue to its original state, promoting cleanliness and environmental consciousness.
- In order to maximise sustainability in our value chain; the University will prioritize selling electronics item to authorized scrap dealers.
- The funds generated from the sale of electronic items will be allocated to support environmental initiatives and further waste management programs within the university. Proper documentation and records will be maintained for all electronic items sold to scrap dealers, ensuring transparency and accountability in the process
- The university will raise awareness about waste management among its faculty, staff, students and all associated parties. Regular awareness campaigns, workshops, and seminars will be organized to educate the university community about the importance of waste segregation, recycling, and responsible waste disposal.
- Regular donation & upcycling drives will be organized to creatively repurpose and/or transform old or discarded items into new, useful products, later to be donated to charitable causes, and inspire the university community to adopt sustainable practices in their everyday lives.
- The University strictly prohibits single-use plastics, including, plastic bags, straws, and disposable utensils will be discouraged, and alternatives such as biodegradable or reusable options will be promoted.

## Reporting

In accordance with milestones and key targets developed by the Administration Department, the concerned department will report their quarterly performance to the Office of Sustainability.

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