

Waste Management Policy Document

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Purpose

• To establish a comprehensive framework for the effective management of degradable and nondegradable waste, ensuring environmental sustainability, public health, and compliance with regulatory standards.

Scope

 The management of degradable and non-degradable waste will be carried out in a manner that minimizes environmental impact, maximizes resource recovery, and promotes sustainability through reduction, reuse, and recycling

Waste Management Strategies

Degradable Waste

- Segregation: Mandatory separation of degradable waste at the source into designated bins.
- Collection: Regular collection schedules for biodegradable waste to prevent decay and odor.
- Composting: Establish composting facilities and promote composting practices.
- Anaerobic Digestion: Implement anaerobic digestion plants to convert organic waste into biogas and compost.

Non-Degradable Waste

- Segregation: Mandatory separation of non-degradable waste at the source into designated bins.
- Collection: Implement a collection system for recyclables and non-recyclables, ensuring proper handling and transportation.
- Recycling: Establish and support recycling centers for materials like plastics, metals, and glass.
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Enforce EPR regulations to ensure manufacturers take responsibility for the disposal of their products, particularly electronics and hazardous materials.
- Landfilling: Minimize the use of landfills and ensure they are managed to reduce environmental impact, including leachate and gas emissions.

Roles and Responsibilities of Departments

- Develop and enforce regulations and guidelines for waste management.
- Provide infrastructure and funding for waste management facilities.
- Conduct public awareness campaigns on waste segregation and reduction.
- Implement waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs within their operations.

- Comply with EPR regulations and take responsibility for end-of-life management of their products.
- Segregate waste at the source according to local guidelines.
- Participate in community composting and recycling programs.
- Reduce waste generation through mindful consumption.

Monitoring and Reporting

- Data Collection: Regular collection of data on waste generation, segregation, and disposal.
- Performance Metrics: Establish key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the effectiveness of waste management strategies.
- Reporting: Annual public reporting on waste management performance, challenges, and progress.

Compliance and Enforcement

- Inspections: Regular inspections of waste management practices by government authorities.
- Penalties: Implement fines and penalties for non-compliance with waste segregation, disposal, and recycling regulations.
- Conduct educational programs in schools, communities, and workplaces to promote waste reduction, segregation, and recycling.
- Use media campaigns to raise awareness about the environmental impact of waste and the benefits of sustainable waste management.

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary to address emerging challenges, technological advancements, and changes in regulatory requirements. This policy document serves as a guideline for the systematic management of degradable and non-degradable waste to foster environmental responsibility and sustainable practices within this community.