

Sri Ganesh College of Arts & Science

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Waste (Degradable and Non-degradable) Management Policy

1. Preamble

Sri Ganesh College of Arts & Science, Salem, is resolute in supporting a sustainable and eco-friendly campus environment. Recognizing the critical importance of responsible waste management, this policy outlines our approach to managing degradable and non-degradable waste generated within the campus. By minimizing waste, promoting recycling and reuse, and ensuring proper disposal practices, the college aims to reduce its environmental impact and contribute to the broader goals of sustainability.

2. Scope

This Waste Management Policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors at SGCAS. It encompasses all areas of the campus, including academic buildings, administrative offices, residential facilities, and outdoor spaces. The policy addresses the management of both degradable (organic) and non-degradable (inorganic) waste, ensuring that all waste generated on campus is handled in a manner that aligns with environmental regulations and sustainability principles.

3. Objectives of the Policy

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Make the campus a plastic-free campus
- Reduce waste generation at the source through mindful consumption and resource use.
- Implement effective waste segregation practices, categorizing waste into degradable and non-degradable types.
- Promote the recycling and reuse of materials wherever possible to minimize landfill waste.
- Ensure the proper and safe disposal of waste, particularly hazardous and non-degradable materials, in compliance with environmental regulations.
- Establish a culture of sustainability within the college community through education and awareness programs.



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4. Policy Statements

4.1 Waste Segregation

Our institution is dedicated to ensuring that all waste generated on campus is properly segregated. Clearly labeled bins for degradable (organic) and non-degradable (inorganic) waste will be strategically placed across the campus. Organic waste includes items such as food scraps, garden waste, and paper products, while inorganic waste includes plastics, metals, and glass. The segregation of waste at the source is essential for effective waste management and will be a key focus of the policy's implementation.

4.2 Degradable Waste Management

The college will manage degradable waste through composting and other environmentally friendly practices. Organic waste collected from campus will be processed in designated composting units. The compost produced will be utilized in the college's gardening and landscaping efforts, promoting a circular waste system where organic waste is returned to the earth as a valuable resource. This approach not only reduces the volume of waste sent to landfills but also enhances the green spaces on campus.

4.3 Non-degradable Waste Management

Non-degradable waste will be handled with a strong emphasis on recycling and safe disposal. The college will establish partnerships with recycling companies to ensure that recyclable materials such as plastics, metals, and glass are processed appropriately. For hazardous waste, such as electronic waste, the college will engage certified disposal agencies to ensure safe and compliant handling. The goal is to minimize the environmental impact of non-degradable waste by diverting as much as possible from landfills through recycling and safe disposal practices.

4.4 Awareness and Training

Education and awareness are critical components of the college's waste management strategy. Regular programs and workshops will be conducted to educate the campus community on the importance of waste segregation, recycling, and sustainable waste practices. Training sessions will be held to ensure that all members of the college community understand the procedures and responsibilities outlined in this policy. By ensuring awareness and responsibility, the college aims to engage everyone in the effort to minimize waste and protect the environment.



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5. Monitoring, Evaluation, and Review

The effectiveness of the Waste Management Policy will be monitored through regular audits of waste generation, segregation, and disposal practices. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) will conduct these audits and solicit feedback from the campus community to identify areas for improvement. The policy will be reviewed periodically to incorporate best practices and technological advancements in waste management. Continuous evaluation and adaptation will ensure that the college remains at the forefront of sustainable waste management practices.

6. Approval of the Policy

This Waste Management Policy has been approved by the Governing Council of Sri Ganesh College of Arts & Science, Salem.

7. Custodian of the Policy Document

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) is the custodian of this policy document.

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