

Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University, Bhopal

Waste management protocol for the University

Waste management is an essential aspect of sustainability. The following points can be imbibed in spirit for effective waste management at the University.

- 1. Develop a waste management plan: To develop a waste management plan that outlines the management of waste from its collection, transportation, storage, treatment, disposal, and recycling. The plan should prioritize reducing waste and promoting recycling wherever possible.
- 2. Create waste collection points: To create waste collection mechanisms within campus premises. Waste collection bins should be labelled with the type of waste that can be disposed of in them.
- 3. Encourage waste reduction: Universities should encourage staff and students to reduce waste production by reducing the use of disposable items such as cups and plates. They should promote the use of reusable containers, bottles, and bags.
- 4. Promote segregation of waste: Creating awareness to promote the segregation of waste into categories such as dry waste, wet waste, hazardous waste, and electronic waste. Segregation of garbage helps reduce waste that ends up in landfills, promotes the recycling of waste, and ensures that hazardous waste is treated appropriately.
- 5. Reduce the amount of hazardous waste: Strive to reduce the amount of hazardous waste produced by using safer chemicals and materials. They should also ensure that hazardous waste is disposed of appropriately through licensed contractors.
- 6. Engage in recycling and waste-reduction initiatives: To engage in initiatives that promote recycling, such as holding recycling drives and establishing partnerships with local recycling centers. Waste-reduction initiatives such as composting and recycling rainwater shall also be adopted.
- 7. Educate staff and students: To educate staff and students on the importance of waste management and recycling. Regular awareness campaigns, training, and information on waste management practices shall be conducted.

Following the above protocol will ensure that the university manages its waste effectively, promote environmental sustainability, and contribute positively to its communities.

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