



ALPHONSA COLLEGE, PALA

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Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam



POLICY DOCUMENT

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Alphonsa College is firmly dedicated to reducing its environmental impact through the implementation of a rigorous waste management policy that prioritizes waste reduction and heightened recycling endeavours. This policy is centred on the adoption of responsible waste management practices which focus on prevention and reduction and has incorporated meticulously crafted long-term strategies that harmonize with overarching sustainability initiatives.

To fulfill both legal mandates and our commitment to recycling, all personnel, including staff, students, contractors and visitors, are required to adhere to this Waste Management Policy and its accompanying procedures. This policy is essential to meet moral and legal obligations, ensuring a safe, compliant, environmentally sustainable and financially viable environment. It provides clear directives and responsibilities for waste management, including proper segregation, storage, handling, transportation and disposal. By adhering to this policy, the college can uphold its dedication to responsible waste management.

OBJECTIVES

1. Ensuring the safe handling and storage of waste within the college campus.
2. Promoting waste reduction at its source and encouraging repair, reuse, and recycling as preferred alternatives to waste disposal, all done in a cost-effective manner.

3. Providing comprehensive training for teachers, staff, students, and other stakeholders on matters pertaining to waste management.
4. Embracing the five "R" principles: reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and regenerate.
5. Maintaining compliance with all pertinent waste legislation.

PRACTICE

1. Waste Minimization

Alphonsa College Pala endeavours to reduce waste production through the implementation of tactics focused on decreasing consumption, repurposing materials and embracing sustainable procurement approaches.

Efforts are made to limit reliance on single-use disposable items while advocating for the widespread adoption of reusable products throughout the campus.

2. Proper Waste Segregation

The implementation of meticulous waste segregation practices are enforced rigorously, to ensure the meticulous separation and appropriate disposal of diverse waste types.

Awareness campaigns and educational initiatives are orchestrated, to nurture and enlighten the campus community regarding the paramount importance of waste segregation and recycling endeavors.

3. Waste Disposal

Alphonsa College Pala pledges to uphold the sanctity of proper waste disposal, meticulously adhering to all pertinent laws and regulations.

Handling and disposal of hazardous waste, electronic waste, and other specialized categories are meticulously executed in strict accordance with established guidelines and procedures.

4. Recycling initiatives

The College is committed to promoting recycling efforts that divert waste from landfills and conserve natural resources.

Recycling bins designated for paper, plastic, glass, and other recyclable materials are strategically positioned throughout campus, with active promotion and encouragement of recycling programs

5. Compliance and Monitoring

Alphonsa College has entered into a formal agreement, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the Pala Municipality to enhance the efficiency of waste collection and disposal services. Additionally, the college has forged partnerships with waste management service providers to elevate recycling efforts and diligently monitor waste generation. In addition, the institution advocates for the prudent utilization of paper on campus by promoting digital alternatives and transitioning to e-billing systems, thereby mitigating the reliance on printouts.

Regular monitoring and comprehensive audits are conducted to ascertain adherence to waste management policies, thereby identifying avenues for enhancement.

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

1. Engagement of the Campus Community

An array of educational initiatives, workshops, and awareness campaigns are orchestrated to engage students, faculty, and staff in the noble pursuit of effective waste management.

2. Utilization of Informational Materials

Informational materials, strategic signage, and streamlined communication channels are harnessed to disseminate knowledge, advocating for waste reduction, recycling, and appropriate waste disposal practices.

3. Integration of Waste Management into Curriculum

The integration of waste management principles and practices into the curriculum across various academic disciplines are undertaken, fostering heightened awareness and fostering sustainable behaviours among students.

Alphonsa College remains steadfast in its commitment to adhering to its waste management policy and endeavours to explore innovative solutions for fostering a sustainable and environmentally conscious campus.