

WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

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1. Introduction

One of the core values of the Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Nagercoil is Ecological citizenship and Sustainability with a mission to instill, among staff and commitment to students, a consciousness of interconnectivity between humans and nature. The college has been making meaningful contributions in the field of environment protection and sustainability, by paying continued attention to minimize production of waste in the campus.

2. Policy vision

The policy envisions to create an ecologically healthy, prospering and resource efficient community, where waste is considerably reduced, recycled, reused and disposed of, using environment friendly and safe methods. This policy is a guidance document to all personnel of the institution to behave responsibly in the realm of waste generation, waste

segregation, storage, handling, transportation and disposal.

3. Policy Statement

The institution has a clear policy and clearly laid down guidelines for waste management and all individuals belonging to this institution shall comply with the waste management procedures of the institution. The College shall adopt the principles of the 'best practicable environmental option' in the delivery of its waste management services.

4. Policy Objectives

- To reduce waste generation at source and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over the disposal of wastes in a cost-effective manner.
- To provide clearly defined roles and responsibilities to designated personnel for identifying and coordinating all activities regarding waste management.
- To expand the scope of recycling opportunities in the College campus and explore possibilities for waste into value added products.
- To ensure the safe handling and disposal non-biodegradable of wastes on college campus.
- To provide training to the staff, students, residents and other stakeholders on appropriate waste management practices.
- To follow the five "R" principle of reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse and regenerate.

- To maintain the campus free of plastic and to dispose non-biodegradable wastes safely.

5. Organisation and Management

The responsibilities and organisational arrangements for this Waste Management Policy lies with specified people within the College.

5.1. Crossian Centre for Environmental Studies

Considering the importance of waste management initiatives, the overall responsibility for monitoring and ensuring compliance of practices rests with the Crossian Centre for Environmental studies comprising of

a) Dean of Academic Affairs

- Providing advise and guidance to the college segments on waste management.
- Setting Environmental performance Indicators for waste management.

b) Green Audit Committee Coordinator

- Monitoring and auditing the management systems for all wastes to ensure safety and legal compliance.
- Investigation of any incidents or spillage relating to all type of hazardous and general waste management
- Preparing the green audit report.

c) Eco-club Coordinator

- Provision of appropriate training for all personnel who have

responsibilities for waste management.

- Coordinating the gathering of, and reporting of all relevant information to appropriate enforcement agencies, when information relating to waste management is requested.

5.2. Advisory Board

Principal (Chairman)

Office Superintendent

Bursar

Dean - Academic Affairs

Co-coordinators of Eco-club and Green audit committee

IQAC Director

Dean of Student Affairs

Dean of Extension activities

NSS Programme Officers

Student Representatives (Three from Student Council)

Head of the Departments

Student Council members

5.3. Functions of the Advisory Board

- Coordinating the activities of the existing solid waste management system in place.
- Ensuring that all stakeholders are advised that they must diligently follow and comply with the College's Waste Management Policy.

Responsibilities of Crossian Centre for Environmental Studies

d) Dean of Academic Affairs (EVS Coordinator)

- Rendering of advice and guidance to the College on waste management.
- Setting Environmental Performance Indicators for waste management.