



URDANETA CITY UNIVERSITY STRENGTHENS POLICY ON WASTE DISPOSAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Urdaneta City University (UCU) reaffirms its dedication to environmental protection and sustainable operations through the Policy on Waste Disposal and Hazardous Materials Management, established in 2023 and reviewed in 2024. This policy is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), focusing on responsible waste management, pollution prevention, and safe handling of hazardous substances.

The policy ensures that all university units follow proper waste segregation, treatment, and disposal procedures especially for hazardous materials generated in laboratories, clinics, and maintenance areas. It mandates compliance with national and local environmental regulations and promotes practices that minimize waste production at the source.

Through this policy, UCU promotes awareness and accountability among students, staff, and faculty. Training and information drives are conducted to ensure safe waste handling, proper chemical labeling, and the responsible use of laboratory materials.

By strengthening its waste management practices, UCU not only maintains a clean and safe campus but also contributes to a culture of sustainability and ecological responsibility. The university's efforts exemplify its ongoing commitment to the principles of SDG 12, ensuring that consumption and production processes are environmentally sound and socially responsible.

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To: All Faculty, Staff, and Students

From: Office of the University President

Date: October 21, 2025

Subject: Urdaneta City University's Policy on Waste Disposal and Hazardous Materials Management

Purpose

This memorandum serves to reaffirm Urdaneta City University's (UCU) commitment to sustainable environmental practices and responsible waste management. UCU recognizes the importance of proper waste disposal and hazardous materials handling as essential components of a safe, healthy, and sustainable learning environment. This initiative is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12: Responsible Consumption and Production.

Principles and Commitments

1. Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

UCU is dedicated to protecting the environment through proper management of waste materials. The university ensures that all waste—particularly hazardous materials from laboratories, clinics, and maintenance facilities—is handled, stored, and disposed of safely and responsibly.

2. Compliance with Environmental Regulations

UCU strictly adheres to all national and local laws regarding waste management and hazardous substances. The university maintains partnerships with accredited waste management service providers to ensure compliance with government-mandated disposal standards.

3. Promotion of Waste Reduction and Recycling

The university promotes waste minimization through reduction, reuse, and recycling initiatives. Offices, laboratories, and student organizations are encouraged to integrate eco-friendly practices into their daily operations to minimize the institution's environmental footprint.

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4. Safe Handling of Hazardous Materials

All departments generating hazardous waste must follow proper labeling, containment, and disposal procedures. Faculty, staff, and students handling chemicals or biological materials must undergo proper training to ensure their safety and the protection of the environment.

5. Education and Awareness Programs

UCU will continue to conduct regular training sessions, orientations, and awareness campaigns on waste management and environmental responsibility. These programs aim to strengthen the community's understanding of sustainability and promote active participation in university-wide environmental initiatives.

6. Accountability and Continuous Improvement

The university encourages all members of the UCU community to practice accountability and actively participate in monitoring and improving waste management efforts. Reports or suggestions related to improper waste disposal may be submitted to the UCU Environmental Management Office.

Reporting Procedures

Any member of the UCU community who identifies unsafe or improper waste handling practices is encouraged to report the concern immediately to the Environmental Management Office or the Office of Compliance. Reports will be treated confidentially and investigated appropriately to ensure corrective measures are implemented.

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Enforcement and Sanctions

Failure to comply with UCU's policy on waste disposal and hazardous materials management may result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension, administrative sanctions, or other penalties in accordance with university rules and environmental laws.

Conclusion

Urdaneta City University remains steadfast in its commitment to sustainability, safety, and environmental responsibility. Through collective action and adherence to these principles, UCU continues to serve as a model for responsible consumption and production ensuring a clean, healthy, and sustainable future for all.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to environmental stewardship

Respectfully yours,

ATTY. DAR A. DIGA

Acting University President

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