



EGE UNIVERSITY

REDUCTION POLICY FOR SINGLE-USE MATERIALS AND PLASTICS

The concept of Sustainable Campus is a holistic management approach that prioritises environmental awareness in all activities of the University, carries out environmental activities in this direction, aims to make sustainability a culture of life for students and employees during and after the education and training period, and includes students, academic and administrative staff, media, local governments, regional businesses and other stakeholders of the campus. Within the scope of this understanding, it aims to reduce single-use materials and plastics in order to become more respectful to nature within our campus. Single-use plastics are plastic products designed for a single use before disposal, such as plastic bags, straws, food/beverage containers and product packaging.

Our university has established its waste management policy according to this regulation within the scope of the Zero Waste Project published in 2017. This policy established in this context is based on the requirements of the Waste Management Regulation and Zero Waste Regulation. Accordingly, the policy for the reduction of disposable materials and plastics is based on the Zero Waste principle respectively;

- Prevention
- Reduction
- Reusing
- Recycling
- Safe disposal

Within the scope of this policy, Ege University adopts the following principles and works to achieve these goals.

- To provide a clean and sustainable campus for life and public health,
- To reduce the amount of single-use plastic by using plastic-free alternatives on campus,
- Encouraging the use of alternative products instead of plastic straws in canteens and cafeterias,
- Launching bring your thermos campaigns in canteens and cafeterias,
- Providing awareness and awareness trainings to avoid the use of disposable plastics,
- Encouraging the use of cloth bags on campus,
- Not using disposable products in the activities to be organised, turning this into a campus awareness,
- Providing trainings covering all students on campus with the aim of using materials that can be used continuously, not disposable plastic,
- Raising environmental awareness to the highest level by transferring the damage caused by disposable materials and plastics to all students and staff on campus in a holistic manner,
- To ensure that efforts to reduce the demand for single-use materials are given the necessary importance and support,
- To develop a teamwork among all our students, staff, canteen and cafeteria workers on campus, together with all stakeholders to reduce waste in the campus.

15.4.2.1 Links

Ege University is creating and implementing an action plan and developing projects to reduce plastic waste (waste in general) on campus.

Description: Ege University Environmental Problems Application and Research Center has developed a “Zero Waste” project, prepared booklets, developed action plans and carried out activities. Ege University pioneers zero waste efforts.

Related Links:

https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/tr-5797/sifir_atik.html

[https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/files/cevremerkezi/icerik/sifir%20atik\(1\).pdf](https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/files/cevremerkezi/icerik/sifir%20atik(1).pdf)

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<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2024/03/29/ege-universitesi-sifir-atik-calismalarinda-bolgeye-onculuk-ediyor/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDT3pFQ7Fes&feature=youtube&fbclid=IwAR0eAymfGkNun4rKGSzruITjRxliPT7uH30SpqbeTF2TOYnsZ96GFITNR_k

Description: Ege University implements activities and prepares reports within its scope of responsibility—covering education, teaching, research, production, and service units—based on a holistic approach that includes university students and staff. These efforts are conducted under the sustainable production and consumption policy adopted by the university.

Related Link:

<https://surdurulebilir.ege.edu.tr/files/surdurulebilir/icerik/SDG12-%20Sorumlu%20Uretim%20ve%20Tuketim%20Surdurulebilir%20Kalkinma%20Raporu.pdf>

Description: At Ege University, hazardous, medical, and electronic wastes are collected in special containers under the supervision of laboratory personnel and properly disposed of. Organic waste is also collected in the university cafeterias. The most frequently generated waste on campus is packaging waste, which is collected in blue bins in accordance with the Zero Waste Project Directive. Additionally, a gray bin has been introduced for non-recyclable waste.

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Description: Ege University has appointed members of the Waste Commission, members of the Waste Advisory Board, and waste coordinators for different units. The university has published the contact information of these commission members and coordinators on the relevant web pages.

Related Links:

<https://euatik.ege.edu.tr/tr-9295/yonetim.html>

https://euatik.ege.edu.tr/tr-9296/atik_koordinatorleri.html