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12.2.6.1 Policy for minimisation of disposable items

Policy Statement

- Official commitment of Ege University to phase out single-use and disposable items.
- Reference to “Zero Waste University” target.

Scope

- Applies to all university units, cafeterias, events, laboratories, and procurement processes.

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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



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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.



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Implementation Strategy

- Replacement of disposable items with reusable or biodegradable alternatives.
- Introduction of refill and repair facilities.
- Inclusion of disposable item bans in procurement tenders.
- Awareness campaigns (“Bring Your Own Cup” initiative, “No Paper Cups” days, etc.).

Action	Responsible Unit	Outcome / Impact	Evidence / Source
Replacement of single-use plastic plates, cups, and cutlery with reusable glass or metal alternatives in university cafeterias and canteens.	Health, Culture and Sports Department (SKS), Zero Waste Committee	Significant reduction in disposable tableware consumption; reusable systems now standard in main cafeterias.	ÇEVMER Zero Waste Presentation (PDF)
Installation of purified water dispensers across the main campus to reduce bottled water usage among students and staff.	Rectorate / Facilities Directorate	Noticeable decrease in single-use plastic bottle consumption; refill culture encouraged.	Sustainable Development Report – SDG 12
Integration of the “Zero Waste Program” with internal procurement policies to limit disposable and plastic packaging in supply tenders.	Purchasing Department / Zero Waste Coordination Unit	Institutional commitment to sustainable procurement; single-use items excluded from new contracts.	Ege University Sustainable Consumption Report
Organization of “Second-Hand Market and Exchange Days” to promote reuse and reduce single-use purchases and waste generation.	Environmental Research Center (ÇEVMER), Student Communities	Increased student awareness and participation in reuse-based consumption; waste prevention through circular sharing.	Sektörel News on Zero Waste Practices



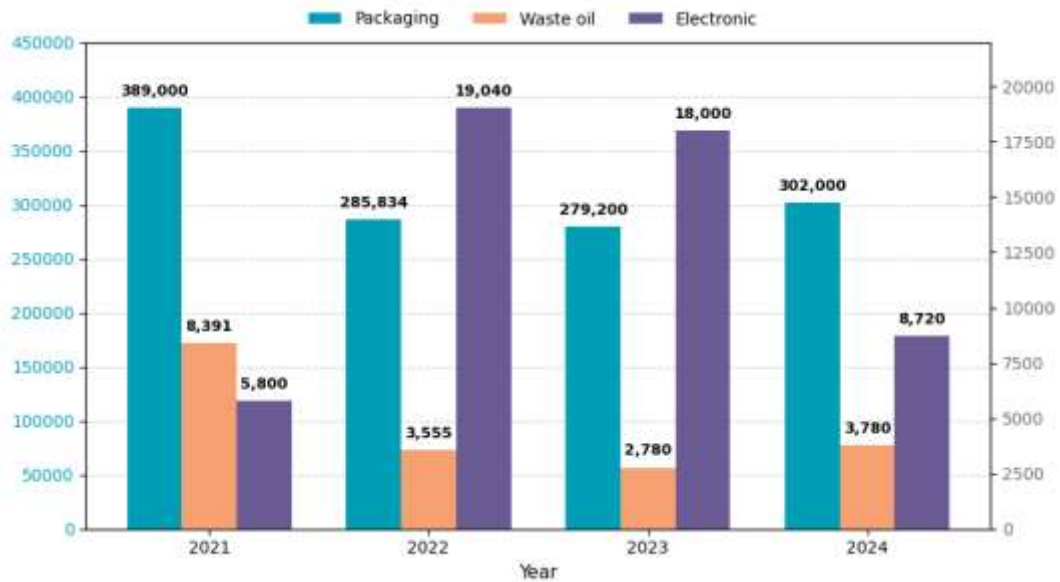
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Monitoring and Indicators

- % reduction compared with baseline year.
- Reporting through Zero Waste tracking system.



Annual waste report coordinated by ÇEVMER (Environmental Research Center), Data integrated into the **Zero Waste Management System**.



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New actions about SDG 12 and policy for minimisation of disposable items

Action Activity	Description and Impact	Related SDG 12 Theme	Evidence / Link
Zero Waste Campus Initiative	University-wide waste segregation and recycling system established; elimination of disposable items in dining halls and offices; promotion of reusable materials.	Reduction of single-use plastics and disposable items	Ege University leads regional zero-waste efforts
“Atık Estetiği: Sürdürülebilir Dokunuşlar” Exhibition	Student works created from waste textiles and packaging materials showcased circular design; encourages reuse and creative upcycling instead of disposal.	Reuse & Upcycling of materials	“Atık Estetiği” Exhibition News
Second-hand Clothing Reuse Project	Students collected and refurbished second-hand clothes, extending product life and reducing waste generation on campus.	Reuse and Waste Prevention	Ege students give second-hand clothes new life
“Bring Your Own Cup” and Sustainable Cafeteria Practices	Cafeterias phased out disposable cups, plates, and cutlery, promoting reusable and biodegradable options.	Minimisation of disposable items & behavioral change	Ege University Zero Waste Initiative – SDG 12 Report
Installation of Water Dispensers	Purified water dispensers installed across campus to reduce bottled water consumption and plastic waste.	Reduction of single-use plastic bottles	Ege University Sustainability Report – SDG 12
MARIPET Project – Reducing Fishery Waste	Research project aimed at reusing plastic components from fisheries and reducing marine plastic pollution.	Circular economy in production systems	MARIPET Project News
“Waste Geo-Materials Recycling Project”	EU-funded research developing innovative methods to reuse construction and geomaterials, reducing waste sent to landfill.	Sustainable production and resource efficiency	Project on Recycling of Waste Geo-Materials
“Kapok Fiber Sustainable Product	Development of biodegradable materials for outdoor products, replacing synthetic plastics.	Sustainable materials substitution	Kapok Fiber Project News



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Action Activity /	Description and Impact	Related Theme	SDG 12	Evidence / Link
Development				

"Zero Waste" is the backbone of our university's Sustainable Green University policy created in 2017. The baseline management policy for reducing usage of single-use material of Ege University's is Zero Waste approach. Ege University efforts to reduce the use of disposable items were carried out within the scope of current Zero Waste Project supported by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. The Project was completed in 2020.



Ege University has become one of the 10 pilot universities where the protocol will be implemented as a result of the sustainable studies it has carried out with the slogans of "Green Campus" and "Climate-Friendly Campus". Ege University Zero Waste Action Plan was prepared to move from the basic level to Silver, Gold and Platinum levels, aiming for the smooth operation of the zero waste system and waste reduction. Ege University has established a Zero Waste commission for the realization and follow-up of these works. As of 2023, activities will be carried out according to the action plan.



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Packaging waste management

In the new term, waste will be collected in 6 different systems on our campus. The collected waste is sent to our temporary storage center and is also collected from the units and sent for recycling.

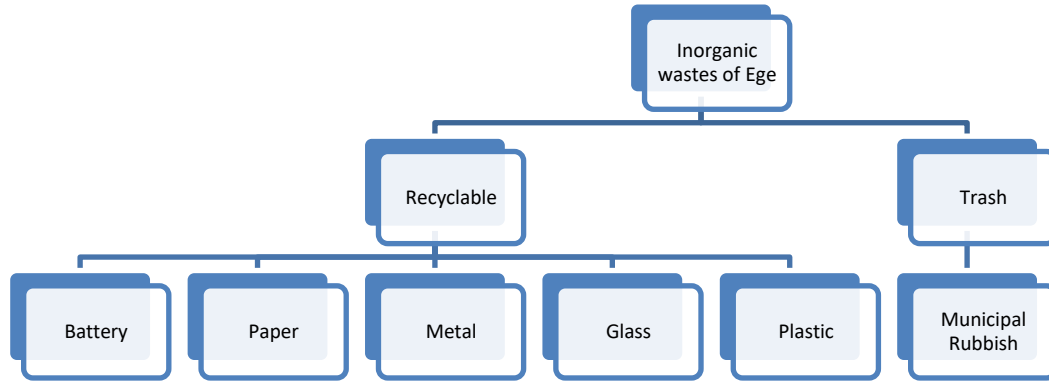


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Within the scope of waste reduction efforts, the Zero Waste Action Plan was put into action by our Rectorate in 2023. Headings in the plan;

The target, target audience, responsible unit, activity and implementation method, period, stakeholders and realization status are presented to our Rector periodically. In this context;

Hedef	Hedef Kitle	Sorumlu Birim	Faaliyet	Uygulama Şekli	Faaliyet Dönemi	Paydaşlar	Gerçekleşme
Atık azaltımı	Ege Üniversitesi mensupları	ÇEVRE	• İkinci el eşya takas pazarı	• İkinci el takas pazarının gerçekleştirilmesi	Yıl boyunca	Öğrenci Dekanlığı SKS Topluluklar	İkinci El Takas Pazarı etkinliğinin bu yıl 30 Mart Uluslararası Sıfır Atık Günü kapsamında gerçekleştirilmesi planlanmaktadır.
	Ege Üniversitesi mensupları	Bilgi-İşlem Daire Başkanlığı,	• İkinci el eşya paylaşımı	• Kimlik üzerinden "Ege İlan" sayfasının oluşturulması	Aralık	Bilgi-İşlem Daire Başkanlığı	"Ege İlan" sayfasının oluşturulması ile ilgili çalışmalar sürmektedir. Haziran 2023 tarihinde tanıtılması planlanmaktadır.

For Waste Reduction;



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Fen Bilimleri Enstitüsü Müdürlüğüne
Güven Enerjisi Enstitüsü Müdürlüğüne
Makale Hapenitliği, Toksikoloji ve Haç Bilimleri
Enstitüsü Müdürlüğüne
Nükleer Bilimler Enstitüsü Müdürlüğüne
Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü Müdürlüğüne
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Official letter for all units of EU stating less paper usage

Some Articles of Zero Waste Action Plan

1. Second hand Room in EU
2. Green purchasing

Purchase of materials in large size packages

Receiving refillable cartridges and rechargeable batteries

Purchasing recycled paper

3. Responsible consumption

- Putting printers in economical printing mode
- Setting printers for double-sided printing
- Using waste papers as drafts
- Switching to sensor soap dispensers
- Using paperclips and staples instead of plastic bags

4. Holding a logo contest among students titled «Sustainable and Climate-Friendly Campus» or «Green University»



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FOR REDUCING AND REUSING ACTIVITIES OF EGE UNIVERSITY

PLEASE CLICK ON:

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AWARENESS STUDIES



1432 staffs were trained within the scope of zero waste at the Faculty of Medicine.

Many different activities were held on our campus during this period. In our campus, the Zero Waste Action Plan has been activated in the new term. Within this action plan, it is planned to launch campaigns for the use of straws or cups in order to reduce single-use plastics on campus. In addition, by establishing a Barter Market, it was tried to create awareness not to use new products. In addition, a marine pollution exhibition was opened by the Mediterranean Conservation Society to draw attention to plastic pollution in the sea. Training was given to secondary school children on the recycling of plastic waste.



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İKLİM KRİZİ VE ÇEVRE KİRLİLİĞİNE KARŞI EŞYALARI YENİDEN KULLANALIM MI?

Personel ve öğrencilerimizin kendi eşyalarını yine personel ve öğrencilerimizle takas edeceği etkinliğimizde sizleri aramızda görmek bizleri mutlu edecektir.

05.06.2023
12:00-15:00

Etkinlik, E.Ü. Mediko önünde gerçekleştirilecektir.



Activities on environmental issues are announced to the entire university and society through the Ege Ajans publication, which belongs to Ege University.



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Dijital dönüşüm çalışmalarını kapsamında EÜ'nün eğitim öğretim ve araştırma politeleri sıkışmasını esodem bir yapıya kavuşturmayı ve tam dijital olarak kampüsü olma yolunda hızla ilerletmeyi vurgulayan Rektör Prof. Dr. Baki Ak, Yaşam kalitesini artırmak ve çevresel sorumluluk üstlenilmesini de öncelikli hedefler arasında belirterek, dijitalleşen dünyaya ayakta kalabilmek için çalışmaları hızla sürdürdüklerini belirtti. Gelecekte nesilleri yetiştirebilmek için çalışmaları hızla sürdürdüklerini belirtti. Gelecekte nesilleri yetiştirebilmek için çalışmaları hızla sürdürdüklerini belirtti.

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Hem çevreye hem ekonomiye katkı sağlayan proje

"Akdeniz Körfezi, Üstünleşen Gelecek" projesi kapsamında hayata geçirilen atıkların bertarafı

Ege Üniversitesi'nin çevre dostu uygulamaları ile 10 pilot üniversiteden biri oldu

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Rektör Prof. Dr. Savaş, "Üstünleşen Gelecek" projesi kapsamında hayata geçirilen atıkların bertarafı

Left paper: "Waste-Free Gulf, Transforming Future project"

Right paper: Ege University became one of the 10 universities with environmentally friendly practices

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Ege University continues its rise in Greenmetric rankings



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Bilim Eğitim Güncel Kampüs

Bu proje ile geri dönüşümlü giysilerin özellikleri üretim öncesinde tahminlenecek

○ Haziran 20, 2023

Egeli akademisyenlerden tekstil sektöründe geri dönüşümü destekleyen proje Bu proje ile geri dönüşümlü giysilerin özellikleri üretim öncesinde tahminlenecek Türkiye'nin alanında...

Project for planning before production of recycled clothing

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/06/19/yokten-eu-iletisim-fakultesi-gazetecilik-bolumune-engelsiz-program-nisani/>)



Güncel Kampüs

Ege'de kâğıt geri dönüşümü ile 4 bin 236 adet ağaç kurtarıldı

○ Nisan 13, 2023

Ege Üniversitesinin "Sıfır Atık" çalışmaları örnek olmaya devam ediyor Ege'de kâğıt geri dönüşümü ile 4 bin 236 adet ağaç kurtarıldı...

4236 trees were saved by collecting the waste

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2023/03/28/tarim-alaninda-dunyada-201-250-bandinda-yer-alan-eu-turkiye-1incisi-oldu/>



Güncel Kampüs

EÜ Emel Akın Meslek Yüksekokulundan "1. Uluslararası Tekstilden Sanata Dönüşüm Sergisi"

○ Aralık 7, 2022

İzel Bilibay – Yağmur Deurlubas Ege Üniversitesi Emel Akın Meslek Yüksekokulu tarafından, çağımızda giderek artan tüketim çılgınlığına dikkat çekilmek amacıyla...



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Emel Akin started the VS Transformation from Textile to Art Exhibition

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2022/12/07/eu-emel-akin-meslek-yuksekokulundan-1-uluslararası-tekstilden-sanata-donusum-sergisi/>)



Bilim Eğitim Güncel Kampüs

Hem çevreye hem ekonomiye katkı sağlayan proje

🕒 Eylül 30, 2022

"Atıksız Körfez, Dönüşen Gelecek" projesi kapsamında hayalet ağ atıkları temizlendi Hem çevreye hem ekonomiye katkı sağlayan proje Ege Üniversitesinin de...

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2022/09/30/hem-cevre-ye-hem-ekonomiye-katki-saglayan-proje/>)



Eğitim Güncel

"Geri Dönüşüm Malzemeler İle Oyuncak Yapım Atölyesi"

🕒 Haziran 23, 2022

Ege Üniversitesinden çocuklara karné hediyesi "Geri Dönüşüm Malzemeler İle Oyuncak Yapım Atölyesi" Ege Üniversitesine (EÜ) Sağlık Kültür ve Spor Daire...

Toys were made from recycled materials and given to children as report card gifts.

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2022/06/23/geri-donusum-malzemeler-ile-oyuncak-yapim-atolyesi/>)



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Egeli Çevre Gönüllüleri iş başında

○ Nisan 26, 2022

Egeli Çevre Gönüllüleri iş başında Ege Üniversitesi Edebiyat Fakültesi doğa dostları "Temiz Çevre, Sürdürülebilir Gelecek" mottosu ile farkındalık faaliyetlerini sürdürüyor....

Faculty of Letters students cleared forest areas

<https://www.euegeajans.com/index.php/2022/04/26/egeli-cevre-gonulluleri-is-basinda/>





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Example of Program to Reduce the Use of Paper and Plastic in Campus (Ege University , Turkey)

Description: Paper, metal, plastic, glass and compost wastes are collected separately within the scope of the zero waste concept in the campus area. These wastes are collected periodically by the regional municipality for recycling. Accordingly, in order to reduce plastic waste; water bottles, packaging, etc. Water dispensers are widely distributed in the campus area and the use of cloth and bags among students is encouraged. University students and staff are given training to reduce paper, metal, plastic, glass and compost waste.

Electronic Document Management System (EDYS) and automation systems known as enVision were built to reduce the amount of paper usage in offices and educational facilities.

Ege University was chosen as a leading university within the scope of the 'Zero Waste' Project initiated by the Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. Ege University was the first state university to implement the project, which was initiated to use resources more efficiently and reduce the amount of waste.

Indoor recycling bins were placed in all buildings within the university and outdoor recycling bins outside all buildings.



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The temporary storage area is equipped with high-volume garbage containers to store recyclable waste collected from the university buildings.

We have a zero waste booklet and a green university guide to increase students, academics, staff and public awareness on the issue.

Additional evidence link:

Zero Waste booklet;

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

Zero Waste Presentation;

https://cevremerkezi.ege.edu.tr/files/cevremerkezi/icerik/Sifir_Atik_Sunum_PDF.pdf

EU. Zero Waste Short Film;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDT3pFQ7Fes>

Ege University indoor waste management;

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



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Ege University has 3 student cafeterias and 7 staff cafeterias on the main campus. Breakfast, lunch and dinner service are provided in our student cafeterias and lunch service is provided in our administrative and academic staff cafeterias. Plastic materials (fork, spoon, plate, etc.) are not used in the university cafeterias in order to reduce the use of plastic. In this way, the use of plastic materials have been greatly reduced. Ege University has not used disposable materials in food services since the day it was founded. With the aim to reduce disposable items usage, reusable items (glass, cutlery, porcelain or metal plates, etc.) are used in all student and staff cafeterias in the University.



Related Link:

1. https://sksdb.ege.edu.tr/tr-3843/beslenme_hizmetleri_sube_mudurlugu.html
2. <https://sksdb.ege.edu.tr/tr-4609/konukevi.html>
3. https://sksdb.ege.edu.tr/tr-5668/gunun_yemek_menusu_fotografi.html



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