Waste Management Policy

Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) is committed to transform lives and serve the society through pursuit of excellence in teaching, innovation, lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and contribution to the society and nation. VIPS realizes sustainable and holistic waste management essential in reducing its environmental footprint and providing a safe and healthy environment for teaching and non-teaching employees, students, and visitors. The institute has to ensure that campus waste is disposed of responsibly by using proper waste segregation mechanism at the source and if possible, converting it into value added environment friendly products. Furthermore, hazardous wastes should be disposed or managed by government approved registered waste contractors. The purpose of the policy is to facilitate implementation of the action plan brought out in "National Environment Policy 2006" on management aspects of hazardous waste including their minimization, environment friendly management and active promotion of transfer and use of cleaner technologies.

Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

- To ensure that waste management is performed in accordance with proper waste legislative requirements, including the duty of care, and to plan for future legislative changes and to mitigate their effects.
- To minimise waste generation at source and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over the disposal of waste in a cost effective manner.
- To provide clearly defined roles and responsibilities to identify and co-ordinate each activity of the waste management.
- To promote environmental awareness in order to increase and encourage - waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.
- To provide the required training for teacher, staff, students and other stake holders on waste management issues.

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- To ensure the safe handling and storage of wastes on Institute campus and transform waste into value added products.
- To promote holistic approach of waste management in the campus.

Policy Statement

VIPS intends to adopt the principles of the 'best practicable environmental option' in the delivery of its waste management services. The institute endeavours to apply a 'waste hierarchical approach', to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover waste products in preference to the disposal of waste to landfill. The institute recognises the importance of meeting these legal requirements and to manage its waste responsibly, reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill and maximise reuse and recycling where possible. VIPS requires all the teaching and non-teaching staff, students, guests and anyone else making use of the premises to comply with this Policy to ensure compliance with all waste legislations. Any solid waste generated in the campus are managed and handled in accordance with the compliance criteria and the procedure laid down in Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1999, published under the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of 3 Environment and Forests number S.O. 783(E), dated, the 27th September, 1999 in the Gazette of India, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii). There is a legal requirement for all who produce, keep or dispose hazardous/radioactive waste/chemical waste of any type to comply with the various regulations under national and international environmental protection legislation.

The policy envisions a community which is acutely conscious of the anthropogenic condition of the world and therefore strives to create an ecologically healthy, prospering and resource efficient community, where waste is considerably reduced, recycled, reused and disposed of using an environment friendly safe method.

The Institute believes in sustaining and maintaining the ecological balance, and follows the principles of 7R- **Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle and Rot of Waste** Management. The sensitivity and awareness towards environment is one of the vital factors in enhancing and inculcating, the ethical and human values and the Institute takes every possible initiative to ensure and implement the same. Different categories of waste management in order to achieve environmental balance and ensure protection of resources are-

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- Solid waste management
- Liquid waste management
- Biomedical waste management
- E-waste management
- Waste recycling system
- Hazardous chemicals and radioactive waste management.

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