

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



12.2.3 Do you have a policy, process or practice on waste disposal - Covering hazardous materials?

Yes

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UBT Sustainable Waste Management policy

This policy is designed to ensure that all activities at UBT prioritize waste reduction and sustainable waste management practices. The goal is to minimize the generation of all types of waste—whether organic, recyclable, or hazardous—through careful planning and responsible practices across the university’s operations. UBT aims to reduce its environmental footprint, protect public health, and contribute to the Kingdom’s broader environmental goals.

This policy includes measures for reducing waste at the source, promoting recycling, and ensuring that disposal methods are both safe and environmentally sound. UBT’s commitment extends to all stakeholders within the university, including students, staff, and contractors, who are encouraged to participate actively in waste reduction efforts and follow sustainable practices. Through this policy, UBT reinforces its dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainability as part of its core values and operations (See Evidence No.1: Sustainable waste management policy).



Year	General Waste Generation (Tons)
2022	120.04
2023	192
2024	163.2
Total	475.24



Sustainable Waste Management Policy

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1. Purpose

UBT, within the vision 2030 and the Kingdom initiatives towards the Green Saudi project, is working to be transferred into a green university that preaches and applies sustainable development approaches and practices to reduce all types of generated waste.

UBT Good waste management practices.

Recycling Bins

UBT has taken proactive steps to enhance waste management across campus as part of its sustainability efforts. In addition to developing comprehensive waste management policies, UBT is now in the active implementation stage. A crucial element of this plan is the distribution of recycling bins across key areas on campus, supporting waste sorting practices among students, faculty, and staff. The bins are clearly labeled for various types of waste, such as plastic, paper, metal, and general waste, helping to build awareness of recycling and encouraging the UBT community to make environmentally conscious choices. While UBT is in the process of finalizing an agreement with a specialized recycling company to oversee waste collection and recycling, these bins enable the university to establish sustainable habits early on. This dual approach—education and effective waste management—reinforces UBT's commitment to creating a cleaner, greener campus through both practical infrastructure and external waste management expertise (See evidence NO 2 UBT Waste Management Practices).



Hazardous Materials

As one of the primary health facilities on campus, UBT clinic is equipped to serve the medical needs of both students and staff. The clinic handles various hazardous materials, including medical waste that requires careful disposal. To ensure compliance with health and environmental safety regulations, UBT has partnered with a specialized waste management company trained in the handling and recycling of hazardous medical waste. This company manages the collection, transportation, and safe disposal of hazardous materials, such as used syringes, gloves, and other medical supplies that could pose risks if not properly managed. By outsourcing hazardous waste management to certified professionals, UBT safeguards the health of its community and aligns with best practices for hazardous waste disposal, demonstrating a commitment to campus safety and environmental stewardship.



It is clearly stated in the above mentioned sustainable waste management policy that:

UBT members shall Apply the appropriate approach and use the proper channels for separating waste based on its category and placing it in the appropriate containers (bags, Cardboard boxes, etc.).

Waste Sorting, Recycling, and Disposal Guidelines:

- UBT members are responsible for using appropriate methods and designated channels to separate waste by category and place it in suitable containers, such as bags, cardboard boxes, or designated bins.
- Only trained and certified individuals are permitted to handle specially regulated or hazardous waste, ensuring safety and compliance with legal requirements.

- Confidential waste must be handled separately and securely, placed in shredding sacks to protect sensitive information.
- UBT partners with certified recycling organizations for the responsible recycling and disposal of various materials, including plastic, food waste, paper, and electronic waste, promoting sustainable waste management practices across campus.