

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



12.2.6 Does the university Have policies around use minimization of disposable items?

Yes, UBT has implemented comprehensive policies focused on reducing the use of disposable items as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability (See Evidence No.1: Sustainable waste management, Preventing wastes section highlighted). Central to these policies is a priority procurement plan that favors goods and services with minimal environmental impact, promoting the purchase of durable, environmentally preferable products over single-use or disposable alternatives. For instance, UBT discourages the use of bottled water by offering free drinking water for all students, staff, and visitors. Additionally, UBT advocates alternatives to single-use plastic bags, recommending biodegradable, recycled, or reusable options like paper or fabric bags. To further reduce waste, the university encourages the use of UBT-branded mugs, reducing reliance on disposable cups, and promotes the use of rechargeable batteries. Reuse initiatives are also in place, allowing items such as furniture, electronics, print cartridges, and other materials to be repurposed whenever possible. Through these practices, UBT demonstrates a proactive approach to minimizing disposable item usage and fostering sustainable habits within the campus community.