

# Govt. College for Girls, Patiala(Pb.)



## **Waste Management Policy**

Government College for Girls, Patiala partakes of the global narrative on environmental sustainability of which waste management is an integral part. As a corollary to this, the institution has taken measures to evolve a policy. This policy outlines our approach in managing various types of degradable and non-degradable waste to minimize environmental impact and to promote sustainable practices, thereby, contributing our bit, to save planet earth.

### **Waste is classified as:**

**Degradable Waste:** Waste that decomposes naturally and includes organic materials such as food waste, yard waste, and certain paper products.

**Non-degradable Waste:** Waste that does not decompose naturally or decomposes very slowly, including materials such as plastics, metals, and glass.

### **The objectives of the policy are:**

- To reduce waste-generation at source.
- To segregate waste into degradable and non- degradable categories.
- To promote recycling and reuse of non-degradable materials.
- To encourage composting and biological treatment of degradable waste.
- To ensure proper disposal of non-recyclable waste.

Waste Reduction Minimization and Segregation at Source

### **GCG, Patiala shall promote waste reduction practices at source.**

We shall minimize the use of single-use items and encourage the use of eco-friendly and recyclable materials.

All employees and stakeholders are responsible for segregating waste at source into degradable and non-degradable categories.

Guidelines for proper waste segregation will be provided and communicated regularly.

### **Collection and Transportation**

GCG, Patiala aims to establish an efficient waste collection system with separate bins for degradable and non-degradable waste.

Proper transportation methods that lessen environmental impact will be adopted.

### **Recycling and Reuse**

Programs for recycling of non-degradable waste are the need of the hour. A dialogue in this regard shall be initiated and employees will be sensitized towards the three R's initiative, namely reduce, reuse and recycle, to sustain environment.

We also propose to support businesses that focus on recycling and repurposing waste.

Employees are already encouraged to use recycled materials whenever possible so as to encourage an effective utilization of resources.

### **Composting and Biological Treatment**

Composting will be promoted for degradable waste.

Facilities for biological treatment of organic waste will be established and maintained.

### **Awareness and Education**

GCG, Patiala will conduct regular awareness campaigns on waste management through the college units of NSS and NCC.

Educational programs will be organized to highlight the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling.

### **Regulatory Framework**

GCG, Patiala shall prepare a layout and enforce regulations related to waste management.

In the face of non-compliance, penalty will be imposed as per the regulatory framework.

### **Collaboration and Partnerships**

GCG, Patiala shall collaborate with local communities, businesses, and NGOs to enhance waste management efforts.

Feedback will be taken to ensure its relevance and effectiveness, and necessary updating done as and when required.

### **Responsibilities**

The college Eco Club is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy.

All employees are responsible for adhering to the guidelines outlined in this policy.