

No Plastic Use Policy

Policy Objective

This policy aims to promote environmental impact of plastic and is committed to reducing plastic waste and creating an eco-friendly campus, in sync with the sustainability and green initiatives undertaken by O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU). It is rooted in JGU's commitments under SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Climate Action), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), supporting a cleaner, healthier community and planet.

Scope

The policy covers all university areas including academic, administrative, residential, hospitality, sports, and event spaces. It applies to all university members, students, faculty, staff, as well as vendors, partners, contractors, visitors, and service providers.

Key Provisions

- I. **Promotion of Alternatives:** The university encourages the use of biodegradable materials, reusable items, and other eco-friendly options, and includes these preferences in all procurement guidelines.
- II. **Awareness & Engagement:** Regular educational campaigns, workshops, and community events are conducted to promote awareness and secure active participation from all campus constituents, including students, staff, faculty, and vendors.
- III. **Procurement and Supplier Engagement:** JGU prioritizes procurement from suppliers offering plastic-free or eco-friendly alternatives and partners with those aligned with the university's sustainability goals.
- IV. **Infrastructure & Support:** The campus will be equipped with water refilling stations, segregated waste bins, and appropriate recycling facilities to make sustainable behaviors easy and accessible.
- V. **Monitoring & Review:** Progress towards plastic reduction is periodically monitored and assessed. Adjustments are made to improve the policy's effectiveness as needed. Regular reviews will ensure continuous improvement.
- VI. **Collaboration:** JGU collaborates with vendors, local authorities, and community partners to foster a plastic-free environment beyond campus.

- VII. ***Continuous Innovation:*** The university commits to exploring new solutions and sustainable alternatives in collaboration with its suppliers and community.

Roles and Responsibilities

- I. ***Office of Sustainability:*** Leads the planning, implementation, monitoring, and regular review of the No Plastic Use Policy. Responsible for stakeholder engagement, coordination of campaigns, and evaluation of exceptions (e.g., medical/lab needs). Serves as the main point of contact for concerns, reporting, and innovation in policy execution.
- II. ***Procurement Office:*** Ensures that all contracts and purchases comply with the no-plastic mandate, selecting vendors that provide sustainable alternatives, and regularly reviewing purchase practices for compliance.
- III. ***Facilities Management:*** Installs and maintains necessary infrastructure (water refilling stations, recycling bins); collaborates with the Office of Sustainability to facilitate smooth operations.
- IV. ***All Community Members (students, staff, vendors):*** Expected to comply with the policy, support campus campaigns, participate in sustainable practices, and report concerns or implementation issues in good faith.

Partnerships and Wider Community

- I. Extend advocacy to local suppliers, event collaborators, schools, and neighborhood businesses, encouraging plastic-free adoption in the region.
- II. Serve as a model, sharing lessons learnt and results with other institutions and partners to multiply impact beyond campus.

Reporting and Accountability

Concerns or violations of this policy should be reported to the Office of Sustainability. JGU strictly prohibits retaliation against anyone reporting concerns in good faith. All issues raised will be appropriately reviewed and addressed to maintain effective policy implementation and compliance.