



**Manipal University Jaipur**  
**Disposable Item Minimization Policy**

**1. Introduction**

Manipal University Jaipur recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability and responsible resource management. We encourage both students and faculty to minimize the use of single-use cutlery and embrace zero-waste practices. Disposable items, especially single-use plastics and non-recyclable materials, pose significant environmental challenges globally, threatening ecosystems and wildlife. As a responsible institution, we are committed to reducing the use of disposable items on our campuses.

**2. Objectives**

The primary objectives of this policy are:

1. Decrease the environmental impact associated with the use of disposable items, including single-use plastics, paper products, and other non-recyclable materials.
2. Raise awareness amongst stakeholders to minimize disposable item usage.
3. Set a positive example and promote environmentally conscious practices within the university community.

**3. Strategies for Minimizing Disposable Items**

To achieve these objectives, Manipal University Jaipur will implement the following strategies:

1. Inventory and Assessment:
  - Conduct a comprehensive inventory and assessment of disposable item usage across all university campuses.





- Identify key areas and departments with high disposable item consumption.
2. Reduction Targets:
    - Establish specific and measurable targets for reducing the use of disposable items.
    - Develop a timeline for achieving these targets.
  3. Sustainable Alternatives:
    - Promote the use of sustainable alternatives, such as reusable containers, water stations, and eco-friendly packaging, throughout campus facilities.
  4. Education and Awareness:
    - Launch educational campaigns to inform the university community about the environmental impact of disposable items.
    - Provide training on proper waste disposal, recycling, and the benefits of sustainability.
  5. Procurement Policies:
    - Integrate sustainability criteria into procurement policies, favoring products and vendors that align with our disposable item reduction goals.
  6. Collaboration:
    - Collaborate with local businesses and suppliers to reduce the use of disposable items in university-related activities and events.
- 4. Responsibilities**
1. University Administration:
    - Provide leadership and support for the implementation of this policy.
    - Allocate necessary resources for the successful execution of strategies.





**2. Directorate of General Services & Administration:**

- Oversee the development, implementation, and monitoring of disposable item minimization initiatives.
- Coordinate educational campaigns and training programs.

**3. Campus Departments and Units:**

- Participate in disposable item usage audits and reduction efforts.
- Comply with the guidelines set forth in this policy and support sustainability initiatives within their respective areas.

**4. Students, Faculty, and Staff:**

- Actively participate in and support university-wide efforts to reduce disposable item usage.
- Report non-compliance with this policy to appropriate university authorities.

**5. Reporting and Monitoring**

Manipal University Jaipur will regularly monitor progress towards the reduction targets outlined in this policy. Progress reports will be shared with the university community to maintain transparency and accountability.

**6. Compliance and Enforcement**

Non-compliance with this policy may result in corrective actions, which may include educational measures, fines, or other appropriate measures as determined by Manipal University Jaipur authorities.

**7. Review and Revision**

This policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness and relevance. Necessary revisions will be made to ensure its alignment with evolving sustainability goals.





## 8. Conclusion

Manipal University Jaipur is dedicated to minimizing the use of disposable items on our campuses. This policy provides a roadmap for achieving our sustainability goals and fostering a culture of environmental responsibility. Together, we can make a positive impact on the environment and inspire future generations to follow our example.

### Version History

Number	Year	Major Revision
Version 3.0	2023	Focus on raising awareness
Version 2.0	2022	Favoring products and vendors that align with our disposable item reduction goals.
Version 1.0	2020	Initial policy

Approval:





Picture 1: Celebrating Global Recycle day



Picture 2: Students Refilling metal water bottles as water station in campus.



Picture 3: Serving refreshments to support staff in general services in reusable utensils



Picture 4: Food being served in Re-useable cutlery



Picture 5: Promoting sustainable products through hands on workshop



Picture 6: Promoting use usable products



Picture 7: Encouraging re-use and sustainable practices.