

# ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORATE WATER CONSERVATION POLICY

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1. <u>General</u>. To implement sustainable water use practices across the university, minimize water waste, and promote a culture of conservation to ensure long-term environmental and financial sustainability.

#### 2. <u>Aim</u>.

- a. Reduce overall water consumption by a set target including water reuse structure.
- b. Improve water efficiency in campus facilities and landscaping.
- c. Promote education and awareness of water conservation practices.
- d. Encourage the use of alternative water sources such as rainwater harvesting.
- e. Comply with local and national water use Policy.
- 3. <u>**Guidelines.**</u> Following are guidelines for continuously water conservation/ reuse practices.

#### a. Water Usage Within Building.

- (1) <u>Low-flow Fixtures.</u> Install low-flow taps, showers, and toilets in all university buildings.
- (2) **Sensor-based Faucets**. Use sensor-activated faucets in public restrooms and high-traffic areas to minimize water waste.
- (3) <u>Repair/ Maintenance.</u> regular inspection for any leak damage pipe/sanitary fitting and awareness within premises to inform ADM office of any issue if noticed.
- (4) **<u>Display of Instructions.</u>** Instructions for conservation of water be displayed in washroom

#### b. Water Conservation and Landscaping.

- (1) **<u>Drought-tolerant Plants</u>**. Implement <u>xeriscaping</u> and prioritize native, drought-resistant plants to reduce irrigation needs.
- (2) <u>Smart Irrigation Systems.</u> Install weather-based irrigation controllers and drip irrigation systems to water plants efficiently and minimize evaporation.

- (3) **Rainwater Harvesting**. Utilize rainwater harvesting systems for irrigation and non-potable water uses such as toilets or cooling systems.
- (4) <u>**Greywater Recycling.**</u> Explore systems that recycle greywater from sinks and showers for use in landscaping and non-potable applications.

#### c. Awareness and Education.

- (1) <u>Water Audits.</u> Conduct annual water audits to assess consumption levels, identify inefficiencies, and track progress toward conservation goals.
- (2) <u>Smart Meters.</u> Install smart water meters to monitor real-time water usage across campus and quickly address areas of high consumption
- (3) **<u>Reporting System</u>**. Establish a system for reporting leaks or water-related issues through an app or online platform accessible to students and staff.

#### d. Benchmarking and evaluation.

- <u>Responsibility</u>. The university's sustainability office, in collaboration with the facilities management team, will be responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and updating of this policy.
- (2) <u>Incentives and Penalties.</u> Introduce incentives for departments or dormitories that meet water-saving goals and penalties for excessive water waste.
- e. <u>Continuous Improvement</u>. Review and update the water conservation policy every two years to reflect advancements in technology, new regulations, and feedback from the campus community.