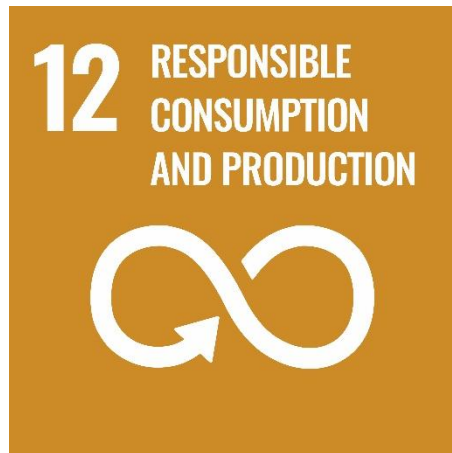


# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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

Yes, the University of Business and Technology (UBT) implements a comprehensive approach to eliminate disposable products across its campuses, combining policy enforcement, sustainable procurement, vendor collaboration, and behavioral initiatives.

These actions are guided by the Sustainable Waste Management Policy (UC.06.01) and the “Preventing Waste” section, which prioritizes re-use and long-life materials over single-use items.

Together, these efforts advance the goals of SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production) and support the Saudi Vision 2030 circular-economy agenda.

## 1. Policy Commitments

UBT has implemented comprehensive policies focused on reducing the use of disposable items as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability.

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.


The policy further commits to:

- Discouraging the use of bottled water by providing free drinking-water dispensers for all students, staff, and visitors.
- Promoting alternatives to single-use plastic bags, such as biodegradable, recycled, or reusable fabric or paper bags.
- Encouraging the use of UBT-branded mugs instead of disposable cups.
- Re-using and refurbishing furniture, electronics, print cartridges, and office supplies wherever possible.
- Supporting rechargeable batteries and other low-waste consumables in laboratories and offices.

Through these policy-driven initiatives, UBT demonstrates a proactive approach to minimizing disposable-item usage and fostering sustainable habits within the campus community.

## Figure 12.2.6 A – Excerpt from UBT Sustainable Waste Management Policy (UC.06.01)

Official policy pages highlighting clauses on avoiding single-use and disposable products through responsible procurement and reuse practices.



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### Sustainable Waste Management Policy

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### 1. Purpose

UBT, within the vision 2030 and the Kingdom initiatives towards the Green Saudi project, is working to be transferred into a green university that preaches and applies sustainable development approaches and practices to reduce all types of generated waste.

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- UBT shall Review and Develop legislation to address waste production and management.
- UBT works on building and maintaining a safe, and healthy green campus.
- UBT shall Establish contracts with vendors when necessary to responsibly handle University-generated waste.
- UBT shall Review its operations to determine where waste can be reduced at its sources of generation.
- UBT shall Acquire items that are durable, have minimal packaging, or are readily recyclable when discarded.
- UBT shall Assess purchasing decisions, making every attempt to purchase items only when needed and in amounts that are not excessive.
- UBT shall Ensure employees have access to compliant waste containers, including containers for recycling.
- UBT shall train its designated members in the related training for waste management.
- UBT shall follow its protocols for the storage and the disposal of waste.
- UBT Adopts energy efficiency standards.
- UBT Avoids carbon-intensive industries and similar chemical processes that cause the emission of unhealthy gases.
  - UBT, through the right entities, shall Measure and monitor the amount of landfill and recycled waste.

#### **Preventing Waste.**

- UBT shall set a Priority procurement plan of goods and services that have a less negative effect on human health and the environment.
- UBT Promotes the purchase of durable and environmentally preferable products and prioritizing these purchases over procurement of single-use or disposable products.

- UBT avoids bottled water where possible, and provides free drinking water to all staff, students, and visitors.
- UBT promotes alternate for single use plastic bags, for example: biodegradable, recycled , paper or fabric bags.
- UBT promotes the use of its mugs with UBT Logo, for all its members and visitors instead of the paper cup or plastic cup.
- UBT encourages the purchasing of rechargeable batteries.
- UBT shall reuse certain items (furniture, fabric items, scrab papers, inkjet and laser print cartridges, electronic devices, and folders, etc.).
- UBT promotes the minimum use of disposable items.

#### **Sorting, recycling, and disposing Waste.**

- UBT members shall Apply the appropriate approach and use the proper channels for separating waste based on its category and placing it in the appropriate containers (bags, Cardboard boxes, etc.).
- UBT members shall Handle specially regulated or hazardous wastes only if trained and certified to do so.
- Confidential waste has to be treated in a separate way where it should be placed in shredding sacks.
- UBT shall contracts with specific recycling entities regarding the recycling and the disposal of Plastic, food, paper, electronic waste, etc.

#### **Research.**

- UBT encourages its researchers to work on research topics that serve the Sustainable development Goals of the United Nations and the axes of the economic development axes of the Kingdom with the vision 2030, taking into consideration using eco-green and recycled materials, providing sustainable solutions.

## 2. Campus and Vendor Implementation

UBT ensures these policies are applied through its campus facilities and vendors.

Food-service providers under the UBT Operations Department's Food-Court Policies and Procedures are required to minimize packaging waste, eliminate disposable plastics, and encourage reusable alternatives.

ZED, operating in the main cafeteria, serves as a model example—encouraging customers to use reusable fabric bags instead of disposable plastic ones.

This practice reflects UBT's broader collaboration with vendors to reduce the university's overall waste footprint.

### Figure 12.2.6 B – Reusable Fabric Bags at ZED

Photograph of ZED employee promoting reusable bags and sustainable packaging, illustrating vendor compliance with UBT's waste-prevention and anti-disposable policy.



### 3. Campus Initiatives Promoting Re-use

UBT complements its policy framework with campus-wide initiatives that encourage reusable alternatives in everyday life.

These initiatives make sustainability a visible, practical habit for students, staff, and visitors.

#### Water-Dispenser Program

Among UBT's key measures to reduce disposable items is the installation of refillable water dispensers across both campuses.

These stations significantly reduce dependency on single-use plastic bottles, providing convenient and accessible hydration points for the entire community.

By encouraging the use of personal bottles and reusable containers, this program has transformed daily consumption behavior, turning sustainability into a norm rather than an exception.

#### Figure 12.2.6 C – Campus Water Dispensers

Photograph of refillable water-dispenser stations installed across UBT campuses, illustrating efforts to eliminate disposable plastic bottles and promote reusable alternatives.



### Reusable-Mug Initiative

UBT further promotes sustainable living through its UBT-branded reusable mug program, which encourages students, staff, and visitors to replace single-use paper and plastic cups with durable, reusable ones.

These mugs are distributed during orientation events and sustainability campaigns, and campus cafés—including ZED GY—support their use by accepting them for all hot beverage orders.

This initiative not only reduces waste but also reinforces UBT’s community-wide shift toward conscious, low-impact choices.

#### Figure 12.2.6 D – UBT Reusable-Mug Initiative

Image of UBT-branded mugs used by students and staff, symbolizing the university’s active commitment to eliminating single-use disposable cups.



## **Additional Evidence – Food Court Policies and Procedures**

UBT's **Operations Department** regulates all on-campus restaurants and cafés through the official **Food Court Policies and Procedures** document. This manual outlines clear sustainability standards for vendors, requiring them to:

- Minimize all waste generation and adopt environmentally friendly packaging.
- Ensure food is properly sealed and served without excess disposable material.
- Regularly dispose of garbage in designated areas in line with municipal and environmental regulations.
- Promote healthy, clean, and responsibly sourced meals.

These clauses ensure that UBT's commitment to reducing disposable items extends beyond its internal operations to cover all contracted food vendors, creating a consistent and measurable approach to waste prevention across campus.

### **Figure 12.2.6 E – UBT Food Court Policies and Procedures**

Excerpt from the official vendor manual outlining rules for waste minimization, packaging reduction, and sustainable cafeteria practices under the UBT Operations Department.

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## Policy

**Service providers must provide the following:**

Portfolios should include prior experience in providing services in educational institutions with no prior shutdown.

Promote a wide variety of healthy and clean food and beverages to its clientele. Selling energy drinks is prohibited.

Menus will be approved by operation department.

Served food must be decently sealed and packed, with time efficient service, and minimizing all waste when possible.

Providers should be able to provide catering services when required.

Providers' forms must be up to date, civil defense, municipality certified, commercial registration and VAT certificate and renting contract as well as employee contracts.

**Due to covid-19 precautions rented space must be clean as per to the regulations of the municipality of rural affairs and housing**

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## Operation of Service provider at UBT COR

- Service provider employee will be registered by filling a registration form to gain an access to campus during the assigned working hours.
- Regular disposal of garbage in designated locations.
- Staff and restaurant should adhere to all labor laws.
- The University is responsible for informing the restaurant to reduce food and beverage quantities during events
- Garbage is to be disposed of before 8 am or after 5 pm only.
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- Expiration date adherence.
- Provide receipts to clients.

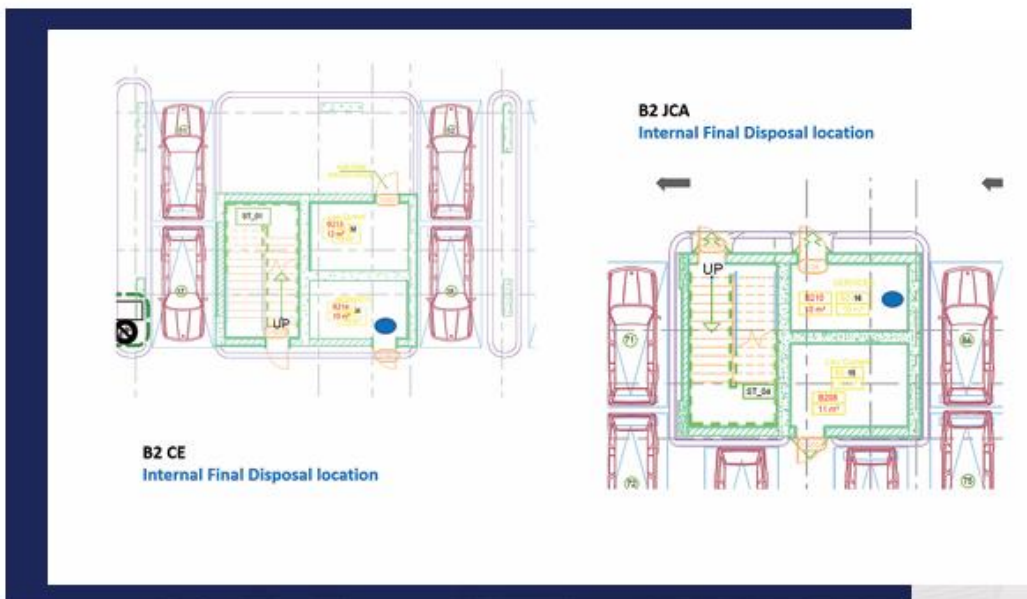
**Staff should be added to UBT attendance system**

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