Zero Waste Policy

University of Illinois Campus Administrative Manual (VIII-21)

Purpose: On May 15, 2010 the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign released *A Climate Action Plan* (iCAP). The plan was created to steer the institution toward carbon neutrality at its earliest possible date. The plan included 11 core commitments of which one was directed toward Procurement and Waste. The commitment regarding Procurement and Waste called for a Zero Waste Policy to be created. The purpose of this document is to satisfy that commitment and meet waste reduction goals.

Definition of Zero Waste:

 “Zero Waste is a goal that is ethical, economical, efficient and visionary, to guide people in changing their lifestyles and practices to emulate sustainable natural cycles, where all discarded materials are designed to become resources for others to use.

Zero Waste means designing and managing products and processes to systematically avoid and eliminate the volume and toxicity of waste and materials, conserve and recover all resources, and not burn or bury them.

Implementing Zero Waste will eliminate all discharges to land, water or air that are a threat to planetary, human, animal or plant health.”

“Businesses and communities that achieve over 90% diversion of waste from landfills and incinerators are considered to be successful in achieving Zero Waste, or darn close.”

-Zero Waste International Alliance and co-founder Gary Liss

Scope: This policy applies to all University of Illinois units and departments on the Urbana-Champaign campus.

Authority: This policy is implemented under the authority of the Office of the Chancellor, the Executive Director of Facilities & Services, and the Executive Director of the Office of Business and Financial Services.

Policy: The University has set a goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 and significant waste reduction will be required to meet that goal. To meet this goal the institution shall create and fill the position of Zero Waste Coordinator and create a comprehensive Zero Waste Plan.

University units and divisions shall collaborate using a whole systems approach to develop a Zero Waste Plan including recommendations for adequate resources to fund strategies to achieve the following milestones:

* By July 31, 2020, reuse, recycle or compost 75 percent of ongoing consumables, 75 percent of durable goods, and 75 percent of construction/demolition debris
* By July 31, 2020 divert 90 percent of all waste from landfill including yard and agricultural waste
* By July 31, 2025, reuse, recycle or compost 90 percent of all ongoing consumables, durable goods, and construction/demolition debris

Processes/Procedures/Guidelines: The Zero Waste Plan to address processes and guidelines will be posted online at ­­ [http://www.fs.illinois.edu/services](http://www.fs.illinois.edu/services/more-services/tdm/biking/bicycle-enforcement). Written copies will be available by request. Since the plan is subject to change, the online document shall be considered the code of record with which all persons must comply.

Contact: These regulations are administered by Facilities & Services, 1501 S. Oak Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-0340.

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