



# **POLICY ON BAN OF PLASTIC USAGE ON CAMPUS**

**CHITKARA UNIVERSITY, PUNJAB**

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## Plastic Ban Policy for Chitkara University

Chitkara University is committed to promoting environmental sustainability by minimizing the harmful impact of plastic waste on our campus. In alignment with the Indian Government's regulations on the ban of single-use plastics, we aim to make the campus a plastic-free zone, while encouraging recycling and the use of reusable alternatives.

### Scope

This policy applies to all members of the Chitkara University community, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors. It covers all areas of the campus, including academic buildings, administrative offices, residential facilities, and outdoor spaces.

### Policy Statement

Chitkara University is committed to fostering a sustainable environment. To achieve this, the university will implement a ban on single-use plastics on campus. In accordance with the **Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021** issued by the Government of India, the following single-use plastic items are banned across Chitkara University:

- Plastic bags below **75 microns** (starting September 2021) and below **120 microns** (effective December 2022).
- **Single-use plastics:** Plastic bags, bottles, straws, cutlery, plates, and cups.
- **Styrofoam products:** Boxes, plates, and cups.
- **Plastic wrappers and packaging:** For food items and other products.

### Encouraged Practices: Reusability

Chitkara University promotes the use of **reusable** and **eco-friendly alternatives** to plastic:

- Cloth, jute, or other biodegradable bags for carrying items.
- Reusable metal, bamboo, or wooden cutlery and straws.
- Steel, glass, or ceramic containers for food storage and beverages.
- Use of refillable bottles and mugs for drinks instead of plastic bottles and cups.

Students, staff, and vendors are encouraged to opt for reusable options whenever possible.

## Recycling and Waste Management

While our primary goal is to eliminate the use of plastic, we understand that certain types of plastic may still be in circulation. Therefore, Chitkara University is committed to the responsible recycling of plastic waste.

- **Segregation at Source:** All members of the university community are required to segregate waste at the source. Separate bins will be provided across the campus for the segregation of plastic waste from other waste.
- **Recycling Stations:** The university will partner with authorized recycling agencies to collect, process, and recycle plastic waste.

## Implementation

- **Awareness campaigns:** The University will conduct regular awareness campaigns to educate the campus community about the impacts of plastic pollution and the importance of sustainable practices.
- **Waste management:** Proper waste management systems will be implemented to ensure that plastic waste is collected and disposed of responsibly.
- Informational signage will be placed around campus to remind individuals about the plastic ban.

## Enforcement

- Designated university personnel will monitor compliance with the plastic ban.
- Violations of the policy will result in strict actions as deemed appropriate.

## Review and Updates

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and to incorporate any necessary updates or improvements.

Through the implementation of this Plastic Ban Policy, Chitkara University aims to lead by example in promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility. Together, we can make a significant impact on our campus and beyond.