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## Criterion VII Institutional Values and Best Practices

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#### **Policy on Ban on Single-Use Plastics**

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## Policy on Ban on Single-Use Plastics

### Introduction

Rajagiri College of Management and Applied Sciences (RCMAS) recognizes the urgent need to address the environmental impact of single-use plastics and is committed to promoting sustainable practices that minimize plastic pollution. This policy outlines RCMAS's commitment to banning the use of single-use plastics on its campus and adopting alternative, eco-friendly solutions.

### Policy Statement

RCMAS prohibits the use, distribution, sale, and procurement of single-use plastics on its campus premises. Single-use plastics include but are not limited to plastic bags, straws, cutlery, cups, plates, water bottles, and food packaging designed for one-time use.

### Implementation Guidelines

**Phased Approach:** RCMAS will implement the ban on single-use plastics in a phased manner, starting with the elimination of the most commonly used items such as plastic bags, straws, and water bottles, followed by the gradual phasing out of other single-use plastic products.

**Alternative Solutions:** The college will promote the use of alternative, sustainable materials and practices to replace single-use plastics, such as reusable bags, biodegradable straws, compostable food containers, and refillable water stations.

**Education and Awareness:** RCMAS will conduct awareness campaigns, workshops, and educational programs to inform students, faculty, staff, and visitors about the environmental impact of single-use plastics, the rationale behind the ban, and the importance of adopting sustainable alternatives.



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**Vendor Engagement:** The college will collaborate with vendors, suppliers, and campus retailers to encourage the adoption of plastic-free alternatives and support the transition to sustainable packaging and practices.

**Infrastructure and Facilities:** RCMAS will invest in the necessary infrastructure and facilities to support the ban on single-use plastics, including the installation of water refill stations, provision of composting bins, and promotion of waste segregation and recycling initiatives.

## Compliance and Enforcement

**Policy Enforcement:** RCMAS will enforce compliance with the ban on single-use plastics through regular monitoring, inspections, and enforcement measures, including penalties for violations and non-compliance.

**Reporting Mechanism:** Members of the college community are encouraged to report instances of non-compliance or concerns related to the use of single-use plastics to the designated authorities for prompt action.

## Evaluation and Review

RCMAS will conduct regular evaluations and reviews of the implementation of the ban on single-use plastics to assess its effectiveness, identify challenges, and make necessary adjustments to improve compliance and sustainability efforts.

## Conclusion

RCMAS is committed to taking proactive steps to reduce plastic waste, protect the environment, and promote sustainability on its campus. By implementing a comprehensive ban on single-use plastics and promoting eco-friendly alternatives, the college aims to contribute to a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable future for all.



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