

Sohar University Recycling Commitment

Introduction:

Sohar University (SU) is committed to support environmental sustainability. Recycling to reduce waste, conserving natural resources, and further minimizing of SU carbon footprint are important practice to help the environmental sustainability. The objectives of the recycling initiative at SU are:

- Promote recycling and waste reduction among students and staff.
- Reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills.
- Support national environmental goals.

The University is working towards maximizing of recycling of materials whether inside or outside the University campus. Recyclable waste materials may include Electronic Waste, Batteries, Plastics, papers & cardboards, glass, and metals.

Procedure of the commitment initiative:

SU has put and implemented plans to deal with the following types of waste for recycling purposes and reducing the volume of waste sent to landfills:

- **Electronic Waste (E-Waste):** E-waste collection point has been established for the disposal of electronic devices within the estate department. A pilot scale project has started to operate at the Faculty of engineering to dismantle all electronic waste devices for recycling. In addition, the University has been granted a funded consultancy project from Be'ah company to dismantle and recycle national Electronic waste collected by them. This has totally confirmed that SU is well committed to the recycling of Electronics waste.
- **Batteries:** Dry battery items are collected separately and handed-over to certified e-waste recycling companies. Whereas Car and Vehicle batteries are usually handed-over to the certified workshops who make the replacement of such batteries. These certified workshops have agreements with the recycling agencies of such batteries.
- **Paper & Cardboard:** Collection of used/waste papers & cardboards are frequently done by SU service department to handover to certified paper recycling agents. In addition, recycling bins for papers are placed in many locations throughout the campus to ease the collection of waste paper.
- **Plastics:** SU has adopted a project with the title "Towards Sohar University without Plastics". The aim is to reduce the use of non-recyclable plastics and to enable the collection of all used plastics for recycling purposes. This project is backed-up and supported by the Environmental Authority (the Government) and SU is progressing towards achieving its goals. In addition, bins for plastics and metals are located across the campus
- **Metals:** Metal containers, cans, and metal scraps are collected and handed-over to certified metal recycling agents.
- **Glass:** Glass recycling bins are located throughout the campus and collected quantities of grass are handed over to certified recycling agents.

Sohar University is also committed to continually improve its recycling procedures, initiatives and efforts. Feedback from stakeholders are welcome to enhance the program's effectiveness.