

ADNU'S LAUDATO SI' 2024 REVISED MATERIALS (WASTE) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Laudato Si' 2024 Revised Materials (Waste) Management Program of Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU) directly fulfills the intent of policies around use minimization of disposable items and plastics, by operationalizing reduction, refusal, and replacement through an institutionalized, measurable, and enforceable waste management framework.

Policy Framework

The program explicitly bans Styrofoam, single-use plastics, plastic utensils, straws, and PET bottles within the university's campuses, in full alignment with Naga City Ordinance 2019-054, which prohibits and regulates plastic bag use. This institutionalizes plastic use minimization and mandates concessionaires and food providers to comply with reusable or biodegradable alternatives. It also promotes a "pack it in, pack it out" system to prevent single-use waste.

Implementation as Program

The policy is not merely declarative — it is implemented through a structured, university-wide Materials (Waste) Management Program anchored on education, logistics, and enforcement.

Education and Training: All maintenance and food concession staff are required to attend waste management training; faculty integrate waste awareness into curricula (NSTP, CIFP, and subject modules).

Behavioral Change Campaigns: The program emphasizes the "5Rs" — Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink — supported by infographics, posters, and orientations during major events such as ORSEM, Faculty Assemblies, and Ignatiana.

Operational Systems: Segregated receptacles, composting, and Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) ensure proper collection and processing.

Accountability and Incentives

The program mandates enforcement by INECAR, OAS, BARSS, PPA, and student coordinators, with a combination of incentives for compliance and disciplinary actions for violations, creating a clear governance mechanism for waste minimization.

Outcomes and Sustainability

The policy embeds measurable performance indicators and sustainability mechanisms by targeting up to 90% reduction in generated waste within the implementation year. All proceeds from recyclable sales are reinvested in the ADNU Green/Environmental Fund to support ongoing environmental programs.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

All food concessionaires and members of the ADNU community are reminded for strict compliance to the revised policy approved by the University President dated September 6, 2024. Please refer to the signed memorandum here: <https://bit.ly/3OhbxcG>. Or scan the QR code.

All food concessionaires and sponsors are not allowed to sell food packaging plastic with resin code 1-7

ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Personal Lunch Box	Plastics numbered 1-7 (resin codes)
Brown Paper Bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Styro
Wooden Utensils/Paper Straw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Cups
Paper Box/Cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic Bottled Juice Drinks
Tableware - Plates, Cups, Glass, Utensils (provided that customers return them to the concessionaire immediately after use)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra Pack juice Drink • Plastic (PET) Bottled Water • Plastic Straws • Plastic/Sando Bag • Biodegradable Plastics

NOTE:
For TO-GO / TAKE-OUT ORDERS, buyers are encouraged to bring reusable lunch boxes, tumblers, and utensils. If these are unavailable, concessionaires may use paper boxes, paper cups, and wooden utensils as an alternative.

RESIN CODES
Typically appears molded, stamped, or printed on the bottom or underside of food containers plastic products.

A gentle reminder from:
MATERIALS (WASTE) MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MONITORING COMMITTEE

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