

# **POLICY ON MINIMIZATION OF SINGLE-USE ITEMS**

**Poltava State Agrarian University** is committed to consciously minimizing single-use items in favor of reusable alternatives.

## **1. General Provisions**

1.1. This Policy defines the principles of Poltava State Agrarian University (hereinafter – the University) regarding the reduction of single-use items and the implementation of sustainable development practices.

1.2. The Policy is mandatory for students, academic staff, administrative personnel, and other participants in the educational process.

1.3. The purpose of the Policy is to reduce the amount of single-use waste, minimize negative environmental impact, and foster ecological culture within the university environment.

## **2. Main Objectives of the Policy**

2.1. Promote the replacement of single-use items with reusable or eco-friendly alternatives.

2.2. Implement responsible consumption practices in educational and administrative activities.

2.3. Ensure conditions for waste reduction and further recycling.

2.4. Foster environmental awareness among students and staff.

## **3. Core Principles and Measures**

3.1. Refusal of Plastic:

- Prohibition of the sale and distribution of single-use plastic cups, straws, and bags on university premises.
- Use of biodegradable or compostable materials where single-use items cannot be avoided.

3.2. Replacement of Single-Use Items with Reusable Ones:

- Use of reusable tableware in canteens, cafés, and at official events.
- Preference for thermal mugs, metal/glass water bottles, and eco-bags.
- Minimization of waste through available methods and sustainable disposal of unnecessary items (e.g., donations instead of trashing).
- Using reusable cutlery (at least during trips, vacations, or picnics).

## **4. Infrastructure Support**

- Installation of drinking water refill stations for personal bottles.
- Organization of waste sorting and collection systems for recycling.

## **5. Educational and Awareness Activities**

- Campaigns for students and staff on the harm of single-use items and the benefits of reusable alternatives.
- Integration of sustainable consumption topics into the university's educational programs and activities.

## **6. Procurement and Suppliers**

- Inclusion of ecological criteria in tenders and supply contracts.
- Preference for suppliers who adhere to principles of environmental responsibility.

## **7. Monitoring**

- Regular assessment of policy results (waste volumes, level of replacement of single-use items).