

## WASTE DISPOSAL POLICY – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Poltava State Agrarian University recognizes the importance of safe handling of hazardous waste and materials generated as a result of educational, scientific, economic and production activities.

This policy is aimed at minimizing the negative impact on the environment, protecting the life and health of students, employees and visitors to the University, as well as complying with the requirements of the current legislation of Ukraine in the field of hazardous waste management.

### **Scale:**

The policy applies to:

- all academic buildings, laboratories, workshops, research centers and business units of the University;
- greenhouses, veterinary clinics;
- administrative buildings, dormitories and auxiliary premises;
- all employees, students, visitors who deal with hazardous materials or waste.

### **Definition:**

**Hazardous waste** – waste that contains harmful, toxic, infectious, flammable or other hazardous components (chemical reagents, batteries, mercury lamps, biological waste from livestock farming, etc.).

**Disposal** – a set of measures for the collection, temporary storage, transportation, neutralization and processing of hazardous waste in accordance with safety requirements.

**Responsible persons** – authorized university employees who are responsible for organizing and controlling the management of hazardous waste.

### **Policy basics:**

1. **Identification and classification:** all hazardous materials (chemicals, biological samples, medical waste, electronic waste, batteries, mercury lamps, etc.) are subject to registration and accounting, laboratories and facilities are required to keep hazardous waste accounting logs.
2. **Collection and storage:** hazardous waste is stored separately in specially equipped rooms or containers with appropriate markings, it is forbidden to throw away hazardous materials together with household garbage, waste that poses a risk to health (biological, infectious) is subject to disinfection before transportation.
3. **Transportation and disposal:** transportation is carried out exclusively by licensed companies that have the right to work with hazardous waste, the university concludes contracts with certified enterprises for the disposal or processing of hazardous materials.
4. **Training and education:** regular briefings on the safe handling of hazardous waste are organized for students and employees, and issues of environmental safety and sustainable development are included in educational programs.

### **Embodiment:**

By implementing a hazardous materials disposal policy, Poltava State Agrarian University aims to minimize the generation of hazardous waste through the implementation of modern technologies, reuse and safe recycling; increase the level of awareness of students and employees regarding the safe handling of hazardous materials; and promote the formation of an environmental culture and responsibility in

the academic community of Poltava State Agrarian University.

