

# An- Najah National University Water Pollution Control in Campus Area 2023-2024

An-Najah National University is committed to maintaining the highest standards of water pollution control through proactive measures integrated into its infrastructure, operations, and strategic goals. These efforts ensure water quality across all campuses while minimizing environmental impacts. The university employs various strategies to prevent water pollution, including careful design of the water and wastewater networks, preventive maintenance, and a comprehensive water quality monitoring program. Together, these initiatives contribute to preventing water pollution and mitigating its impact effectively.

# **Water Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that water is used judiciously and reused to the maximum extent possible, preventing water pollution, and increasing the use of treated and recycled water. This policy aims to set objectives for the University to meet in order to reduce water use within the campus and support Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation.

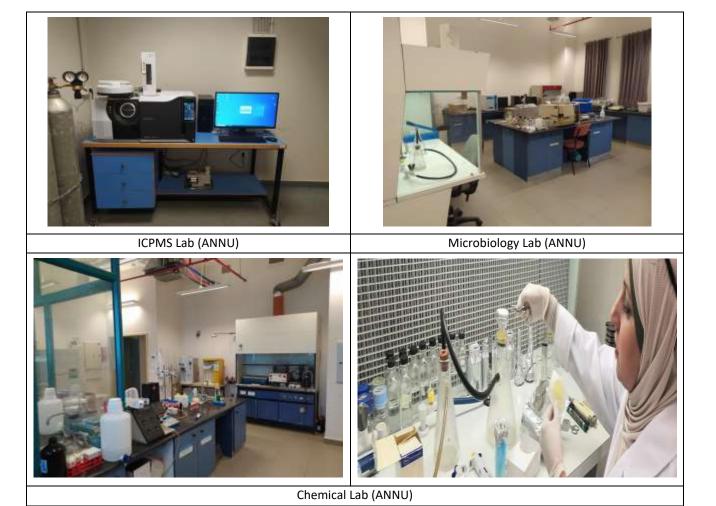
# **Polluted Water Prevention**

The <u>Water Research Unit (WRU)</u> at An-Najah National University plays a central role in preventing water pollution. The WRU operates three specialized laboratories—Microbiology, Chemical, and ICPMS labs—dedicated to testing and ensuring the quality of water entering the campus. These labs perform regular testing as part of a rigorous water quality assurance program, covering the university's campuses and swimming pool. In addition, water quality is continuously monitored and assessed to ensure compliance with environmental standards, with evaluations conducted every six months and reports submitted to local environmental authorities.

The university employs preventative maintenance measures, including the use of wash-out facilities on all campus water networks to effectively drain and manage any polluted water. An-Najah also holds permission from local environmental agencies to conduct water quality monitoring, ensuring that the campus's water management adheres to legal and environmental guidelines.

## **Quality Control Report 2023/2024**



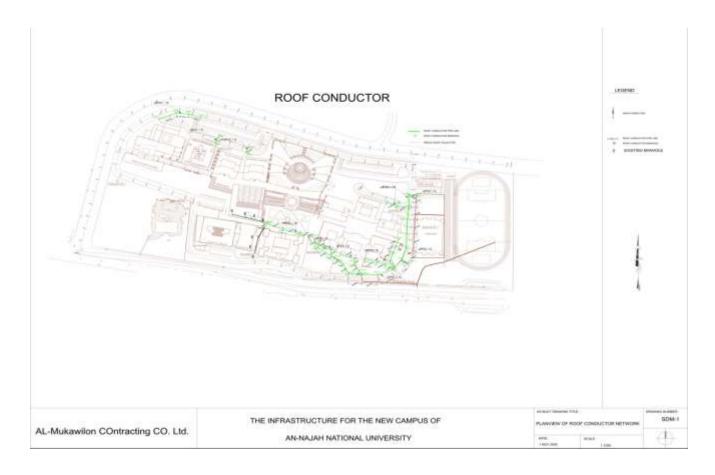


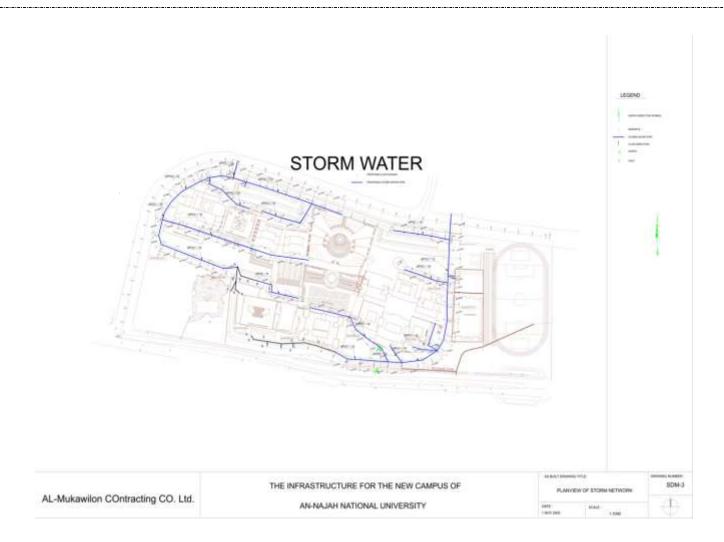
#### **Guideline Standards**

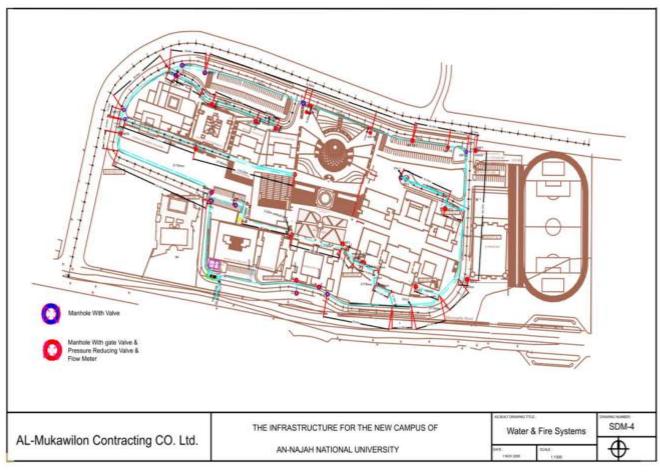
An-Najah National University follows the **Palestinian Green Building Guidelines 2023**, particularly Chapter 5 on Recycling of Gray Water and Water Use Efficiency. In line with these guidelines, the university treats all wastewater in a dedicated Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additionally, the university complies with the **Palestinian Water Discharge Guidelines**, which are crucial for protecting local ecosystems. These guidelines form the basis for connecting housing and establishments to the public sewage network, ensuring proper water management and environmental protection.

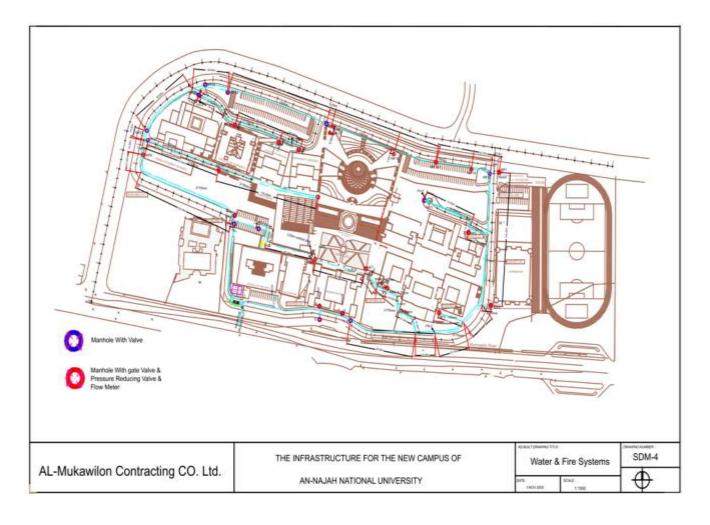
## Sewerage Disposal

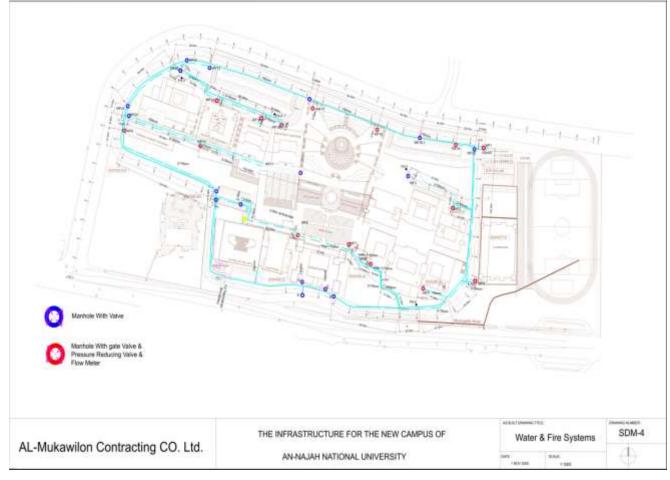
Sewerage disposal and maintenance are critical to the university's water pollution control efforts. While it is the responsibility of the **Palestinian Local Government and Municipalities** to provide, maintain, and expand public sewerage systems, An-Najah National University's **Engineering and Maintenance Department ensures** that the sewage system within the university is regularly improved, expanded, cleaned, and maintained. This department is responsible for managing the effective discharge of wastewater from all university buildings through the campus sewage network into the municipal system for treatment at the **Nablus-West Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)**.













#### **Wastewater Treatment Program**

An-Najah National University's wastewater treatment efforts are integral to its water pollution control strategy:

- Urban Wastewater Collection: The university's main campuses, situated in a well-served
  urban area, are connected to the municipal sewage network. The wastewater generated on
  campus is treated at the <u>Nablus-West WWTP</u>, and the treated water is repurposed for agricultural
  use, helping irrigate nearby farms and contributing to water conservation efforts.
- On-Campus Wastewater Purification: The Faculty of Agriculture operates its own
  wastewater purification plant, where collected wastewater is stored in specialized tanks. After
  purification, this water is used to irrigate campus plants, trees, and vegetables, with an annual
  volume of approximately 500 cubic meters.



• **Fish Farm Water Recycling:** Water from the university's fish farm is reused for irrigating trees and plants, further reducing water waste and enhancing sustainability on campus.