



## Sustainable Food Policy

### Policy Statement

An-Najah National university committed to provide environmentally friendly and sustainable campus hospitality, the university is fully aware of the impact that procurement, storage, production, consumption and wastage has on the environment and the need to ensure that the Sustainable Food Policy supports the university's environmental policies and practices.

The university take responsibility to work with suppliers, contractors and partners to minimize environmental and social effects associated with products and services we provide, and will seek to support local suppliers to ensuring that they are not discriminated against in the procurement and specification process and that all procurements represent value for money.

### Purpose

- Ensure that environmental and social responsibility is factored in to all tenders/agreements/contracts that the university enters into.
- Encourage and support small and medium sized businesses to bid for tenders.
- Invest in new technologies that have a positive impact on the environment.
- Work to monitor food supplier deliveries.
- Understand supplier commitment regarding environmental impact to include transport used, packaging, etc.
- Ensure food procurement from suppliers following sustainable harvesting practices.
- Increase usage of biodegradable packaging for sandwiches and other retail products.

- Support all university initiatives regarding recycling schemes, e.g. paper, plastics, glass and food.
- All redundant, replaced kitchen equipment will be correctly recycled in line with university policies.

## Scope

This policy is focused on but not limited to provision and procurement of food at the university. It applies to all aspects of sustainable food, including:

- Procurement
- Provision
- Preparation
- Food waste and waste management
- Growing
- Education
- Climate change
- All sustainable food suppliers/farmers.

## Principles

1. The university has a responsibility to procure food in a sustainable manner in accordance with the university's Sustainability Policy.
2. The Catering Operations Director has overall responsibility for the implementation and delivery of the policy within the university's catering department. However, different departments will have particular responsibility for managing aspects relevant to their department.



3. Responsibility for application of the principles and practical delivery of this policy within Catering Services lies with the Catering unit managers and their teams.
4. Guidance and advice with regards to all aspects listed above will be provided by sustainability team as required.

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