



ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

HAZARDOUS WASTE POLICY

2026-2027

HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT

School clinic's hazardous waste management is carried out in line with the guidelines published by Waste Management Department of Dubai Municipality (DM).

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safe handling, storage, disposal, and documentation of hazardous waste generated by St. Mary's Catholic High School, Oud Metha. This policy complies with all relevant environmental, health, and safety regulations from Dubai Municipality.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all school personnel, including administrators (IT dep/ school clinic), teachers (especially science), maintenance staff, and any contractors working on school premises that handle or generate hazardous waste.

3. Definition of Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste includes substances that are:

- Flammable (e.g., solvents, alcohol)
- Corrosive (e.g., strong acids or bases)
- Toxic (e.g., heavy metals, pesticides)
- Reactive (e.g., unstable chemicals)
- Biological (e.g., sharps, blood-contaminated materials)
- Electronic waste (e-waste) (e.g., old batteries, computers)



4. Responsibilities

- School Administrator / Principal
 - Ensure implementation and compliance with this policy.
 - Provide adequate training and resources.
- Science Teachers / Lab Technicians
 - Identify hazardous waste.
 - Follow proper disposal procedures.
 - Maintain a log of waste generated and disposed of.
- Facilities / Maintenance Staff
 - Handle maintenance-related hazardous materials (e.g., paints, cleaners).
 - Store hazardous waste properly until collection.
- All Staff
 - Report incidents or leaks immediately.

5. Hazardous Waste Handling Procedures

1. Identification: Staff must identify and label hazardous substances clearly.
2. Segregation: Never mix different types of waste.
3. Storage:
 - Use appropriate, labelled, leak-proof containers.
 - Store in a designated secure area with restricted access.
4. Disposal:
 - Use licensed hazardous waste disposal companies.
 - The school has signed a contract with an approved hazardous waste transport company, having vehicles with valid permits from EPSS (Environmental Planning and Studies Section) for Hazardous and medical waste collection and transportation to the DM treatment facility for disposal.
 - For the year 2025/26, the contract has been signed with Al Nouras Waste Collection and Transporting L.L.C (agreement attached).
 - Contract period - one year.
 - Frequency of collection - Once a week.
 - Person to be informed in case of any service out of scheduled dates - Mr. Isahak (050-7146961).
 - Never pour chemicals down the drain or throw in regular trash.
5. Record Keeping:
 - Maintain a waste log: type, quantity, date, responsible person, disposal method.
6. Spill Response:
 - Use spill kits.
 - Evacuate area if necessary.
 - Report to administrator immediately



7. Emergency Procedures

In case of a hazardous waste spill:

- a. Alert nearby personnel and evacuate if needed.
- b. Contact the school administrator or health and safety officer.
- c. Follow the emergency response plan posted in labs and storage areas.
- d. Use PPE and spill containment kits.
- e. Report the incident in writing.

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