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**The New Hazardous Waste Disposal Policy of Vidyasagar University**

The University has set up its own mechanism for the disposal of hazardous wastes generated in the course of laboratory work by the students, research and maintenance activities on the campus. The wastes identified as hazardous are labeled and packaged properly before being disposed of in a safe and eco-friendly manner. The hazardous wastes on the campus are broadly of two categories: (i) chemical and toxic wastes and (ii) e-wastes.

(i) The work of disposal of chemical and toxic wastes is carried out in collaboration with the waste-technicians. The wastes are kept in tightly closed, sealable containers to enable their safe removal by the technicians.

(ii) The university administration strictly follows the government rules, designated as the e-waste Management and Handling Rules 2011, brought into force from the 1<sup>st</sup>. May, 2012. e-waste includes discarded old computers, television sets, refrigerators, radios, telecommunication equipment and many more – basically any electrical or electronic appliance that has reached its end-of-life. The university, however, encourages maximum utilization of all electrical & electronic equipments to their full productive life and treats only such equipments as e-waste as those which are non-operational and cannot be reused for any other alternate purpose.

The storage and segregation of the e-wastes are ensured with the help of recognized agencies/agents having permission for collection/ dismantling/recycling of e-waste from Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) either Central or State or both.

The periodic disposal of hazardous wastes is monitored by the Registrar's department of the university.

Since 2003, when the work of disposal of radio-active wastes on the campus was completed in accordance with the guidelines of Bhaba Atomic Research Centre (BARC), Vidyasagar University campus has remained free from the hazardous wastes of this variety.