



# MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY

## PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

Mariano Marcos State University remains committed to enforcing its waste reduction policy across the campus. The "No Bottle Policy" is reiterated annually, and single-use bottles are prohibited during academic council meetings and other major executive council gatherings. MMSU is guided by its Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Program, which was approved by the Board of Regents in 2009 and amended in 2015. A key component of this program is the establishment of the University Waste Management (UWM) Committee, responsible for developing, reviewing, and ensuring the implementation of the waste management program framework.

To minimize plastic waste on campus, all university members are encouraged to reduce, segregate, and prioritize recyclable and biodegradable products. Based on the UWM Committee's recommendations, the use of Styrofoam for food packaging and serving is strictly prohibited. The committee also advocates for limiting or avoiding plastic usage on campus. Additionally, to further curb plastic consumption, the university's food service unit requires customers dining out to provide their own food containers.

### Evidence:

1. Waste Management  
<https://mmsu.edu.ph/about/sustainability#tab3>
2. Policy on the Elimination of Styrofoam and Plastic as Secondary Packaging Materials in the University  
[https://www.mmsu.edu.ph/resources/1fNUCZwyOozOKO27L2Bm6pNN-P\\_cJNpLd/view](https://www.mmsu.edu.ph/resources/1fNUCZwyOozOKO27L2Bm6pNN-P_cJNpLd/view)
3. "No Bottled Water" Policy (OP Memo No. 23-189)