



Waste Management Policy

1. Introduction

At Arks Harvest, we are committed to sustainable practices and minimizing waste generation. This Waste Management Policy outlines our approach to efficiently managing produce waste while promoting recycling and responsible disposal practices. Our goal is to reduce environmental impact, maximize resource utilization, and support local farming communities.

2. Waste Reducing and Sorting

2.1 Quality Standards: We prioritize the sale of high-quality produce that meets our standards. However, in cases where produce does not meet the quality requirements for selling, but still fit for consumption, we will market it as rescue food. This food will be made available to customers free of charge, reducing waste and ensuring it is utilized effectively.

2.2 Sorting and Separation: We will implement a comprehensive waste sorting system at our premises. All volunteers are responsible for properly sorting waste into designated bins, ensuring that recyclable materials, including empty boxes, are separated from general waste.

3. Recycling

3.1 Recycling Program: Arks Harvest is committed to recycling as much waste as possible. We will provide recycling bins at each premises to collect materials such as empty boxes, plastic containers, and other recyclable items. Volunteers are expected to utilize these bins for appropriate recycling.

3.2 Partnership and Recycling Services: We will collaborate with local recycling services to ensure efficient and responsible recycling of collected materials. Regular pickups will be scheduled to prevent any accumulation of recyclable waste.



4. Utilization of Produce Waste

- 4.1 Animal Feed:** Produce waste that is not suitable for sale or rescue food will be marketed to local farmers as feed for pigs and/or chickens. This approach promotes circularity in the agriculture sector, minimizing waste and supporting local farming communities.
- 4.2 Composting:** Any remaining organic waste that cannot be utilized for animal feed will be diverted to composting. This includes food scraps, trimmings, and other biodegradable materials. Composting helps us close the nutrient loop and create valuable soil amendments.

5. Waste Disposal

- 5.1 General Waste:** For waste that cannot be recycled, composted, or utilized as animal feed, designated cans will be provided throughout the premises. Volunteers must ensure that general waste is disposed of in the appropriate bins to prevent contamination and facilitate proper waste management.
- 5.2 Responsible Disposal:** We will partner with authorized waste management services to ensure responsible disposal of non-recyclable and non-compostable waste. Disposal methods will comply with local regulations and focus on minimizing environmental impact.

6. Training and awareness

- 6.1 Training:** All volunteers will receive training on waste management practices, including sorting, recycling, and proper disposal procedures. Training will emphasize the importance of waste management.
- 6.2 Awareness Campaigns:** Regular communication and awareness campaigns will be conducted to reinforce the significance of waste management practices and encourage engagement. We will also provide educational materials to promote sustainable habits.

7. Monitoring and Continuous Improvement

We will regularly monitor and evaluate our waste management practices in order to identify areas for improvement. Feedback from volunteers and stakeholders will be actively sought to enhance the effectiveness of our policies. We are committed to continuously refining our waste management strategies to align with evolving sustainability standards.



8. Compliance and Review

The Waste management Policy will be regularly reviewed to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. We will comply with all applicable local, regional, and national waste management regulations and strive to exceed them whenever possible.

By adhering to this Waste Management Policy, Arks Harvest demonstrates its commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible waste management.