



## Moving towards a Green City

The Solid Waste Management Policy was launched in 2010, under the theme, “Moving towards a green City” to provide a framework within which waste can be managed effectively to minimize and avoid adverse impacts brought about by unnecessary waste generated and improper waste practices.

## Principles of the SWM Policy

### Integrated Waste Management Hierarchy

Waste must be **prevented, reduced, reused or recycled** and only as a last resort must waste be **disposed**.



### Polluter Pays Principle

The person who generates the waste shall carry the responsibility of the cost for waste management and the rehabilitation of the environment resulting from that waste.

### Duty of Care

The person who generates the waste shall be responsible for their waste making sure that it is handled, transported and disposed properly and not dumped illegally.

## How to implement the Principles

1. Avoid: Avoid producing waste in the first place
2. Reduce: Minimize the amount of waste you do produce
3. Re-use: Re- use items many times
4. Recycle: Recycle as much of the waste as possible
5. Dispose: Dispose of what is left in a responsible manner

All residents are urged to implement sustainable waste management practices, keep the city clean and participate in initiatives and programmes geared at **moving Windhoek towards a green city** eg. Clear Bag Household Recycling System.



The Clear Bag Household Recycling project was launched in 2010 in partnership with Enviro-Fill Namibia & Rent-A-Drum. The project allows each resident to play their role in **moving Windhoek city** by separating their household **plastics** and **cans** from the rest of their recyclables. The Clear Bag System requires **paper, glass,** from the rest of waste for recycling.



Each household is supplied with a clear bag on a weekly basis and the bag must be filled with recyclables and placed next to the Wheelie bin for collection on the same day as the City's waste removal day. The wheelie bin is emptied by the City and the clear bag is removed by Rent-A-Drum.



Participation so far (Sept10-July11) according to the various areas has been as follows:

- Eros, Klein WHK, Ludwigsdorf, Avis, CBD: 41.1 %**
- Suiderhof, Olympia, Ausblick, Kleine-Kuppe, Cimbebasia : 24%**
- Academia, Pionierspark, Hochlandpark: 16%**
- Pionierspark Ext 1, Tauben Glen, Rocky crest, Dorado, WHK West: 12.4%**
- Khomasdal, Otjomuise: 6.5%**

The results show that only a few residents are participating in the clear bag system and therefore you are encouraged to get involved in recycling, as in doing so we are contributing to the cleanliness and preservation of our beautiful city. As an incentive, residents who are recycling will see a significant reduction in the waste stored in the Wheelie bin and may in future be able to request for the replacement of the 240L wheelie bin with a smaller 130 L Wheelie bin and pay a reduced rate for refuse removal.

Recycling conserves landfill space as it diverts recyclables from being landfilled. Recycling also reduces the quantity of natural raw materials required to be mined for manufacturing new products thereby conserving the environment.

### What can be recycled? Follow these guidelines :

Objects that can be recycled	Objects that cannot be recycled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paper: Flattened and folded cardboard, newspapers and magazines</li> <li>• Glass: Rinsed bottles and jars</li> <li>• Plastics: Bags, rinsed bottles and containers, cling rap</li> <li>• Cans: Rinsed food tins and drink cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disposable nappies</li> <li>• Chemicals, paints, toothpaste tubes, motor oil containers, acid or solvents</li> <li>• Organic waste: Food scraps, vegetable peels, garden waste</li> <li>• Clothing or shoes</li> <li>• Wet, dirty and contaminated items</li> <li>• Batteries</li> </ul>

The City is committed to implement measures to make Windhoek not just a **CLEAN** city but also a **GREEN** city and counts on the participation of all residents to achieve such. Recycling in Windhoek is a legal requirement according to the Waste Management Regulations No.16.

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