



AUXILIUM COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)

VELLORE – 632 006

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Version 2.0

2025
onwards

MOTTO

“Enrich Nature, Enhance Environment”

VISION

To protect, preserve and restore the environment by integrating sustainable practices into teaching, administration and campus life, thereby nurturing environmentally responsible citizens.

OBJECTIVES

- Uphold the intrinsic value of Mother Nature
- Create environmental awareness among all stakeholders
- Promote eco-friendly and sustainable practices
- Motivate youth to conserve and protect the environment
- Encourage collaboration for sustainable development

PRINCIPLES & PRACTICES

Fundamental Principles

- ✓ Care for Our Common Home Earth (Laudato Si)
- ✓ Sustainable living and nature-based practices
- ✓ Conservation of natural resources
- ✓ Protection of biodiversity
- ✓ Ethics of Enough



PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK

Reduce – Reuse – Recycle – Replace

- Reduce unnecessary consumption
- Reuse materials wherever possible
- Recycle waste responsibly
- Replace harmful products with eco-friendly alternatives



ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

- Rainwater harvesting
- LED lighting & energy conservation
- Solar panels & renewable energy
- Vermicomposting
- Green landscaping & medicinal garden
- QR code-based tree identification
- Waste segregation & e-waste recycling
- Aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



RESPONSIBILITY & FUTURE

Responsibility

The successful implementation of the Environmental Policy is a shared responsibility of Management • Principal • Faculty • Students • Staff • Visitors

FUTURE ROADMAP

- Expansion of renewable energy usage
- Zero-waste campus initiative
- Green mobility practices
- Sustainability-based curriculum integration
- Periodic green and environmental audits

‘Small Actions Today for a Greener Tomorrow’

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1. Introduction

Auxilium College is situated in a marshy and dry region of Vellore District, Tamil Nadu. As an institution committed to holistic development, the College envisions the protection, preservation, and sustainable management of the environment. The Environmental Policy of Auxilium College reflects this commitment and is guided by the motto, “Enrich Nature, Enhance Environment.”

Every human activity has an impact on the local, regional, and global environment. The College upholds the principle of peaceful coexistence between human beings and nature and strives to act as a positive and creative force in protecting and enhancing the environment through its teaching, administrative, and support services.

Creating a healthy and environmentally sustainable campus requires a systematic and integrated approach. Sustainability considerations are embedded in all aspects of campus life, including planning, growth, compliance, and resource management. The adoption of an Environmental Management System (EMS) enables the institution to take a holistic view of environmental performance and continuously improve sustainable practices.

As an institution of higher learning, Auxilium College has a special responsibility to model environmentally responsible behavior. Beyond reducing environmental degradation, the College seeks to proactively restore and enhance ecological systems, ensuring that future generations inherit a healthy and resilient environment. Environmental stewardship is a guiding value that informs daily practices and institutional decision-making, nurturing environmentally conscious and eco-friendly citizens.

2. Objectives and Purposes of the Policy

This policy provides guidelines for eco-friendly living for all stakeholders of Auxilium College, both within and beyond the campus. It also serves as a framework for addressing regional and state-level environmental concerns.

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Uphold the intrinsic value of Mother Nature.
- Orient stakeholders to the importance of environmental conservation.
- Undertake eco-friendly initiatives through proactive environmental actions.
- Motivate youth to conserve, protect, and restore the environment.
- Promote networking and collaboration among professionals, agencies, and young people to foster sustainable development.

3. Fundamental Principles

The Environmental Policy of Auxilium College is grounded in the following principles:

- Care for Our Common Home Earth (“Laudato Si”).
- Sustainable living and a return to nature-based practices.
- Minimization of negative environmental impacts.
- Conservation and judicious use of natural resources.
- Respect for biodiversity and natural ecosystems.

4. Practical Principles

The practical framework of this policy is based on the four core environmental principles:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Replace.

- Reduce: Purchase and consume only what is necessary.
- Reuse: Extend the life of materials through repeated use.
- Recycle: Ensure recyclable materials are processed responsibly.
- Replace: Adopt eco-friendly alternatives in daily practices and lifestyles.

To ensure environmental sustainability, the College emphasizes:

- Cultivating the “Ethics of Enough.”
- Minimizing energy consumption.
- Promoting green and renewable energy sources.
- Encouraging rainwater harvesting and water recycling.
- Avoiding single-use plastics.
- Managing waste at the point of origin.
- Promoting eco-friendly alternatives.
- Maintaining a green, clean, and healthy campus.
- Organizing environmental programmes and celebrations.

5. Plastic-Free Campus Policy

Auxilium College is committed to eliminating non-essential, non-compostable single-use plastics from campus and food vendor procurement.

- Restricted items include:
- Single-use plastic utensils and containers.
- Plastic-lined cups and bowls.
- Plastic-wrapped condiments and sachets.
- Plastic shopping bags.
- Non-acceptable solutions include incineration, food-contaminated plastics, and uncertified biodegradable plastics.

The College invests in education, infrastructure, and procurement reforms to support the transition towards a plastic-free campus.

6. Responsibilities

The overall responsibility for implementing the Environmental Policy rests with the College Management. The Principal, Heads of Departments, Coordinators, and administrative staff ensure compliance within their respective domains. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors share collective responsibility in supporting environmental sustainability initiatives.

7. Implementation

The Secretary, Principal, Vice-Principals, Directors, Heads of Departments, Extension Services Director, and Hostel Deans oversee policy implementation. The Enviro Club, NSS, and NCC play a pivotal role in **execution, monitoring, and awareness-building**.

8. Waste Management

Auxilium College practices systematic waste management through segregation, composting, and safe disposal methods.

Solid Waste Management: Solid waste is segregated at source, with biodegradable waste processed through vermicomposting and other waste disposed of responsibly.

Liquid Waste Management: Wastewater generated on campus is treated through a Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and safely discharged or reused through an efficient drainage system.

Hazardous Chemical Waste Management: Hazardous waste is segregated, labeled, stored safely, and disposed of through TNPCB-authorized agencies.

E-Waste Management: E-waste is handled in collaboration with Willy's E-Waste Recycling, a TNPCB-authorized recycler.

9. Institutional Initiatives for Environmental Sustainability

- Rainwater harvesting systems for water conservation.
- LED lighting for energy efficiency.
- Solar panels and windmills for renewable energy.
- Vermicomposting of biodegradable waste.
- Plastic-free campus practices.
- QR code-based tree identification.
- Medicinal garden development.
- Green landscaping and biodiversity conservation.
- Environmental awareness and student engagement programmes.

- Alignment of institutional policies and practices with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

10. Campus Environmental Initiatives

The College commits to sustainable procurement, waste reduction, energy efficiency, green infrastructure, curriculum integration, public health, and intergenerational equity.

11. Future Plan

Auxilium College envisions expanding renewable energy use, achieving a zero-waste campus, strengthening biodiversity conservation, promoting green mobility, integrating sustainability into curricula, enhancing capacity building, and institutionalizing periodic green audits.

Conclusion

Auxilium College reaffirms its commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development. Through collective responsibility, ethical stewardship, and continuous improvement, the institution strives to nurture environmentally responsible citizens and safeguard the environment for future generations.