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# INTEGRATION OF WASTE RECYCLING, COMPOSTING AND REDUCTION STRATEGIES IN SURKHANDARYA

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This article explores the imperative need for an integrated waste management system in Surkhandarya, Uzbekistan, focusing on the integration of recycling, composting, and waste reduction strategies. The region's growing population and urbanization demand sustainable solutions to address waste management challenges. The three pillars of recycling, composting, and waste reduction are examined for their environmental, economic, and social benefits. By implementing these strategies, Surkhandarya can conserve natural resources, reduce landfill burdens, save costs, and promote responsible consumption. The article outlines specific strategies for integration, emphasizing the importance of public awareness and government support in achieving a cleaner and more sustainable future for the region.

**Keywords:** Waste management, Recycling, Composting, Waste reduction, Sustainability, Surkhandarya region, Environmental conservation, Economic savings, Landfill reduction, Public awareness.

#### Аннотация

В данном документе рассматривается необходимость создания интегрированной системы управления отходами в Сурхандарьинской области с упором на интеграцию стратегий переработки отходов, компостирования и сокращения отходов. Растущее население региона и урбанизация требуют устойчивых решений для решения проблем управления отходами. Три основных направления переработки, компостирования и сокращения отходов рассматриваются на предмет их экологических, экономических и социальных преимуществ. Реализуя эти стратегии, Сурхандарьинская область сэкономит природные ресурсы, уменьшит нагрузку на свалки, сэкономит затраты и разовьет ответственное потребление. В статье излагаются конкретные стратегии интеграции и подчеркивается важность информирования общественности и государственной поддержки в достижении более чистого и устойчивого будущего региона.

Управление Ключевые слова: отходами, переработка, компостирование, сокращение отходов, устойчивое развитие, Сурхандарьинская область, охрана окружающей экономическая эффективность, сокращение среды, свалок, информированность населения.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Surkhandarya, a region of amazing natural beauty in the south of Uzbekistan, faces serious problems in waste management. As a result of population growth and urbanization, the need for effective waste management is becoming increasingly urgent. To address these issues, Surkhandarya must adopt a holistic approach that combines recycling, composting and waste reduction strategies. This paper explores the benefits and strategies of such an integrated waste management system.

### LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY

#### The three pillars of sustainable waste management are:

**1.** Recycling: Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into reusable items. As a result of processing in Surkhandarya, the amount of waste sent to the landfill is significantly reduced. Common recyclables include paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, and metals.

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- **2.** Composting: Composting is the natural breakdown of organic waste into nutrient-rich soil. Surkhandarya's rich agricultural traditions make composting a valuable resource. Food scraps, yard waste, and other organic materials can be composted, reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and landfill space.
- **3.** Waste reduction: Waste reduction aims to minimize the generation of waste at its source. This strategy includes initiatives to reduce packaging, promote reusable products and raise awareness of responsible consumption. By producing less waste, Surkhandarya can reduce disposal costs and environmental impact.

### **Advantages of integration:**

Combining these three pillars of waste management offers several important advantages:

- 1. Environmental protection: Recycling reduces the need to extract raw materials, conserve natural resources and reduce energy consumption. Composting enriches the soil and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, promoting healthy ecosystems. Reducing waste reduces the environmental impact of production and consumption.
- **2.** Economic savings: Recycling and composting can generate income by selling recycled materials and compost. Reducing waste reduces disposal costs and the need for landfill expansion.
- **3.** Reduced Landfill Load: By diverting recycled and organic materials from landfills, Surkhandarya can extend the life of existing landfill sites and delay the construction of new ones, which can be costly and environmentally damaging.

#### RESULTS

### **Integration strategy in Surkhandarya:**

- **1.** Establish recycling centers: Establish convenient recycling centers where residents can drop off recyclable materials such as paper, cardboard, plastic, and glass.
- **2.** Promote separation at source: Encourage households and businesses to separate recyclable and organic waste from non-recyclable garbage.
- **3.** Support Composting Initiatives: Provide training and resources to promote backyard composting and large-scale community composting programs.
- **4.** Awareness campaigns: Launch public awareness campaigns to inform the population about the benefits of waste reduction and responsible consumption.
- **5.** Regulations and Incentives: Implement policies that encourage waste reduction and recycling, such as mandatory recycling programs and incentives for businesses that reduce packaging.

### **CONCLUSION**

Waste management problems in Surkhandarya require an integrated approach that combines recycling, composting and waste reduction strategies. By embracing these three pillars, Surkhandarya can reduce environmental impact, stimulate economic growth, and preserve its natural beauty for future generations. Such an integrated approach is not only environmentally responsible, but also economically beneficial, making it a win-win solution for the future of waste management in Surkhandarya. Thanks to the cooperation of the government, entrepreneurs and residents, Surkhandarya will move towards a clean and green future tomorrow.

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