

CEDERBERG CONSERVANCY

My waste, my responsibility...

PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY



Visitor Information and Guidelines



Vision Statement

The generation and environmental impact of all forms of waste are reduced, so that the health of people and the quality of environmental resources are no longer adversely affected by uncontrolled waste disposal practices.

Goal Statement

Waste products in the Cederberg Conservancy are managed in a coordinated manner that aims to reduce, reuse, recycle or dispose of waste in both a socially and environmentally safe and responsible manner.

Objectives of the Strategy

The objectives of this waste management strategy are to provide guidelines:

To protect human health and well-being and environment by providing reasonable measures for -

1. Responsible consumer decisions in planning, decision making and operations;
2. Minimising the consumption of natural resources;
3. Avoiding or minimising the generation of waste;
4. Reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering waste;
5. Treating and safely disposing of waste as a last resort;
6. Preventing pollution and ecological degradation;
7. Exploiting economic benefits from managing waste where possible; and
8. Remediating land where contamination presents, or may present, a significant risk of harm to health or the environment.

To ensure that people are aware of the impact of waste on their health, well-being and the environment and how they can contribute to the waste management strategy;

To comply with the applicable legislation;

To approach waste management in an open, honest and transparent manner;

To try to give effect to section 24 of the Constitution in order to secure an environment that is not harmful to human health and well-being.



Organic Waste

Depending on the property, organic waste products can be used to feed pigs, for composting or for worm farms. Please use the bin provided for this purpose to dispose of your organic waste materials. These bins will be cleared on a daily basis.

Hazardous Waste

Please DO NOT dispose of any hazardous waste such as batteries, poisons and oils within the Conservancy. The Conservancy is not equipped to dispose of hazardous materials locally and needs to transport such waste materials to outside facilities.

Take Responsibility

If you live in a city or town where your municipal waste dump sites are certified and well-managed, the Conservancy would like to request that you take your waste with you and dispose of this waste by means of your local waste disposal service. This will ensure that the amount of waste that the Conservancy needs to process is greatly reduced. This is totally voluntary and we will dispose of your waste responsibly if you choose to leave it within the Conservancy.



Thank You

The members of Cederberg Conservancy and inhabitants of the Cederberg are grateful for the contribution you made to assist in the conservation and protection of the environment through participating in this project. You made a difference, take the concept home.

Waste Management Depots

There are two Waste Management Depots located within the Cederberg Conservancy on the Farms Vogelfontein and Dwarsrivier respectively. These depots serve as the final sorting point where all waste is sorted, stored or incinerated.



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Background

The Cederberg Conservancy does not have the benefit of municipal waste removal services. Additionally existing waste dump sites in surrounding towns are not well-managed.

This resulted in uncontrolled small scale waste dump sites located on individual properties in the Cederberg Conservancy. Waste in these dump sites was burned and covered with soil. This practice cannot only pose significant threats to the health and well-being of the environment, residents and visitors, but also detracts from the character of this beautiful Cederberg area.



For this reason, the Cederberg Conservancy decided to explore alternative methods of waste management within the Conservancy.

This requires a proactive approach to waste management and the involvement and cooperation of all who live in and enjoy the Cederberg Mountains.

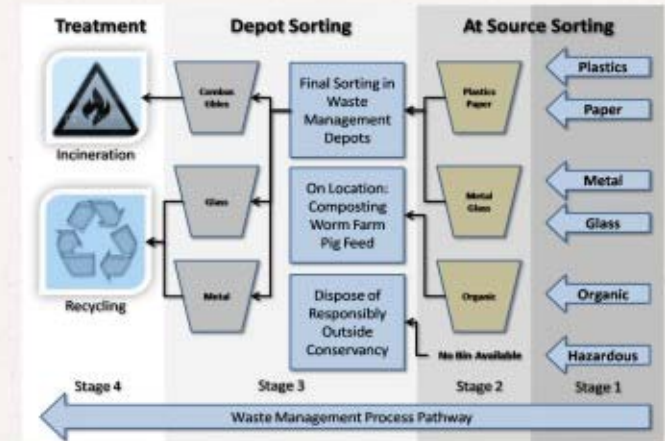


Your Responsibility

The Cederberg Conservancy requests your help with managing the waste that you produce during your visit.

We have developed a Waste Management Strategy that requires us to separate waste for more efficient handling.

We request all our guests to please separate their waste into **paper & plastic, metal & glass and organic waste**. Bins for this purpose will be located in or near your accommodation or camping site. Please familiarise yourself with these bins and help the environment by using them in the correct manner. If you cannot find these bins or are unsure about how to use them, please enquire at the reception where you are visiting.



Plastic and Paper Waste

Due to the financial, environmental and carbon costs involved in transport, all plastic and paper waste products are incinerated. The incineration units that the Conservancy uses burn the waste materials above 1 000 °C. This reduces the smoke or other air pollution generated during any burning process.

Glass and Metal Waste

Both glass and metal is collected in bulk storage crates. These waste materials are periodically delivered to recycling companies when sufficient quantities have been stockpiled.