



UzSWLU Water Reuse Policy

SDG 6 Water reuse | Reporting year 2025

Policy details	
Applies to	All campuses, buildings, student dormitories and grounds of UzSWLU
Date approved	2025
Next review	2028
Related policies	Sustainability and Climate Action Policy; Environmental Sustainability Policy; Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy; Eco-Construction and Green Infrastructure Policy (Order No. 34/2024)

1. Purpose

1.1 This policy sets out the commitment of Uzbekistan State World Languages University (UzSWLU) to maximize the reuse of water across the University. It establishes how water that has already been used once, or that falls on University buildings and grounds, is to be captured, treated where necessary and used again in place of fresh mains water.

1.2 Uzbekistan is a water-scarce country, and Tashkent depends on limited river and groundwater resources. By reusing water wherever it is safe and practical, the University reduces its demand on the city supply, lowers its environmental footprint and contributes to UN Sustainable Development Goal 6.

2. Scope

2.1 This policy applies to all University campuses, academic and administrative buildings, student dormitories, catering facilities, sports facilities and landscaped grounds, and to all staff, students and contractors whose work affects water systems.

2.2 It covers greywater, rainwater, process and cooling water, and any other water stream that can be reused on campus.

3. Definitions

- **Water reuse** — the use of water that has already been used, or collected on site, for a further purpose instead of fresh mains water.
- **Greywater** — lightly used water from washbasins, showers and similar sources, excluding toilet and kitchen wastewater.
- **Rainwater harvesting** — the collection and storage of rainwater from roofs and paved surfaces for later use.
- **Non-potable use** — any use that does not require drinking-water quality, such as irrigation, toilet flushing and outdoor cleaning.

4. Policy principles

4.1 **Reuse first.** For every non-potable need, the University will use reused or harvested water before fresh mains water wherever a safe and practical source is available.

4.2 **Fit-for-purpose quality.** Reused water will be treated to a standard suitable for its intended use and will never be connected to drinking-water supplies.

4.3 **Continuous expansion.** The University will progressively extend reuse systems to all campuses and increase the share of non-potable demand met by reused water.

5. Commitments

5.1 Priority uses for reused water

Reused and harvested water will be directed to the following uses, in order of priority:



Priority	Use	Source of reused water
1	Irrigation of lawns, trees, shrubs and planting beds	Treated greywater; harvested rainwater
2	Toilet and urinal flushing	Treated greywater
3	Outdoor cleaning of paths, courtyards and vehicles	Harvested rainwater; treated greywater
4	Cooling of technical equipment	Recirculating (closed-loop) cooling water

5.2 Greywater recycling

The University will operate and maintain greywater recycling systems, beginning with the Main Campus and Dormitory Complex, and will extend greywater recycling to other campuses as part of planned renovation and investment.

5.3 Rainwater harvesting

Roof and surface rainwater will be collected and stored wherever building design allows, and harvested rainwater will be used for landscape irrigation and outdoor cleaning.

5.4 Recirculating cooling water

In line with national building norms for higher-education buildings, equipment that requires cooling will use recirculating (closed-loop) water systems rather than once-through cooling.

5.5 New construction and renovation

All new buildings and major renovations will be assessed for opportunities to include greywater recycling, rainwater harvesting and separate non-potable pipework, in accordance with the Eco-Construction and Green Infrastructure Policy (Order No. 34/2024).

5.6 Safety and quality

Reused water systems will be clearly labeled, physically separated from drinking-water pipework and inspected regularly. The quality of treated water will be checked periodically to confirm that it is safe for its intended use.

6. Monitoring and reporting

6.1 The Environment and Energy unit will measure and record the volume of water reused and harvested across the University, alongside total mains water consumption.

6.2 The unit will prepare an annual water reuse report for the Rectorate, summarizing volumes reused, systems in operation, progress on expansion and planned improvements. Key results will be published on the University website.

7. Roles and responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
Rectorate	Approves the policy, allocates resources and receives the annual water reuse report
Department of Administrative Affairs (Environment and Energy unit)	Implements the policy; operates and maintains reuse systems; measures and reports reused volumes
Green Office	Promotes water reuse awareness among students and staff and supports monitoring and reporting
Faculties, departments and dormitory management	Follow the policy in daily operations and report faults and leaks promptly
Contractors	Comply with the policy in all construction, renovation and maintenance work

8. Awareness and engagement

The University will inform students, staff and visitors about water reuse on campus through signage at reuse points, the University website and social media, and its water conservation campaigns, and will encourage suggestions for new reuse opportunities.



9. Review

This policy was approved in 2025 and will be reviewed in 2028, or earlier if required by changes in legislation, technology or University operations.

Related documents

- Sustainability and Climate Action Policy: <https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17309785808502.pdf>
- UzSWLU Environmental Sustainability Policy: <https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17310584693285.pdf>
- UzSWLU Water Quality and Discharge Management Policy: <https://uzswlu.uz/backend/web/uploads/pagepdf/icon/17310641205350.pdf>