

2021

ZERO-WASTE EVENT GUIDELINES ASHARA MUBARAKA 1443H



THE PROBLEM

Dry and wet waste generated from public events can be a major cause of environmental degradation and potential health impacts.

Single-use disposables are particularly hazardous to nature. They are used once for a matter of minutes and then thrown away. This litter is an eye-sore and contaminates our open and public places besides creating negative perception of the community among our stakeholders.

Hence, we all have a part to play and it is a collective responsibility of organisers as well as individual mumineen to reduce and/or recycle the amount of waste generated throughout the event.

DRY WASTE

single-use disposables
paper waste
bottles
flex
textile



WET WASTE

food leftover
vegetable and fruit peels,
meat and bones



WATER WASTE

drinking and usage waste



PURPOSE

This document provides an outline to eliminate and/or reduce the amount of waste generated – both dry and wet waste – during Ashara Mubaraka through different methods across the four areas of action.

The key is to plan ahead of Ashara Mubaraka to guide different teams in striving to make the occasion as healthy and waste-free as possible.

THE FOUR AREAS OF ACTION

1

Masjid /
Waaz Centres

2

Mawa'id and Kitchen

3

Sabeel

4

Home



1. MASJID / WAAZ CENTRES

DRY WASTE

1. Shoe Bags

a. Avoid distribution of single-use plastic carry bags for shoes. Instead, the jamaat should encourage mumineen to carry their own reusable bags or distribute cloth bags on the first day of Waaz Mubarak.

2. Water Bottles

a. Jamaat should eliminate/limit the distribution of single-use plastic bottles in Masjids/Waaz centres. Mumineen should be made aware of carrying their own water bottles.

b. Water refilling coolers/facilities should be made available at the Masjid complex – gents floor, ladies floor, etc. This approach not only helps in saving money by reducing the purchase of single-use water bottles but will also help in addressing both water and plastic waste issues.

c. If for any reason single-use plastic water bottles or any other items are distributed, the concerned team in charge should ensure that the waste items are collected properly, segregated and sent for recycling rather than disposing of in the landfill.



3. Wrapper and Packaging

a. Ensure trash bins are placed at the entry and exit gates. Counsel people to not litter in the Masjid complex and dispose of all the dry and wet waste in their respective trash bins.

b. You can even place a kiosk outside the Masjid complex and counsel people to dump the dry waste at properly designated places.



1. MASJID / WAAZ CENTRES

DRY WASTE

4. Bathroom

a. Avoid wastage/excessive use of water in bathrooms.

1. Awareness: Put up posters encouraging people to turn off the faucet when not in use.

2. Water-saving techniques - Aerators and other water-saving filters help in reducing & regulating the volume of water usage along with being cost-effective.

3. Flush tanks - Use automation or manual techniques (placing a brick or plastic bottle in the tank) to reduce the amount of water used per flush.

b. Often the package of personal care and hygiene products used in the bathroom generate excessive waste. This can be reduced by planning usage of products for the entire miqaat and accordingly buying large economy-sized products instead of individually wrapped items.



5. Flow Management, Papers and Handouts

a. Encourage your flow management and other teams to think before printing handouts, flex banners, boards etc.

b. Plastic tapes should be used wisely. If possible and available, paper or water-based tapes should be used.

c. In unavoidable circumstances, ensure that the flex banners and handouts are not littered after use. These need to be properly collected in dry waste bins and sent back for recycling.



2. MAWAID AND KITCHEN

DRY WASTE

- a. Avoid the usage of these single-use crockery and cutlery plastic items which include spoons, cups, plates, bowls and even plastic safras. Replace these disposable items with eco-friendly cutlery made of bagasse, starch and other bio-degradable materials.
- b. Dry and wet waste bins should be kept at regular intervals to ensure proper segregation and recycling/composting of waste.
- c. Excessive packaging waste generated from kitchen products and groceries should be reduced by buying in bulk and/or disposing of unavoidable waste properly in dry waste bins.



Success story: The usage of bio-degradable cutlery items and placement of dry waste bins at different locations was successfully managed in Ashara Mubarak 1441H in Colombo.



WET WASTE

- a. Wet waste like fruit/vegetable peels, tea leaves, eggshells, meat and bones, food scraps, etc. should be segregated in wet waste bins and sent for composting.
- b. Even wet waste generated outside the kitchen, while having food in mawaid or sabeel, should be segregated in separate wet waste bins at the source and later sent for turning into compost.



Success story: Wet waste composting was successfully managed in Ashara Mubarak 1440H in Indore despite being one of the largest congregations.



WET WASTE



DRY WASTE



3. SABEEL

DRY WASTE

- a. Any kind of excessive waste generated for the construction/decoration of the sabeel should be planned and configured to ensure waste is minimal.
- b. Single-use plastic glasses or plastic bottles should be avoided completely. Instead, paper glasses or water refilling coolers should be used.
- c. No plastic straws should be used in sabeels.

WET WASTE

- a. If coconut water or any food items are served in sabeel, people should be made aware to use wet waste bins to collect the food waste. Later wet waste generated in sabeel, mawaid and kitchen should be sent for composting.



4. HOME/NEIGHBOURHOOD

DRY WASTE

- a. The journey of a zero-waste event begins even before the start of the miqaat. Preparing for and procuring alternative solutions is critical.
- b. Reducing waste is not an individual's job hence it is critical to understand waste reduction as a collective duty by having conversations and educating family members and friends to adopt a sustained lifestyle.
- c. The usage of disposables should be avoided at home completely unless there is no option available.
- d. Identify different areas at home that need reduction of waste both dry and wet waste – kitchen, bathroom, living and bedroom.
- e. Avoid irresponsible waste-management behaviour and litter in building complex/ neighbourhood.



RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL/REPURPOSE

a. Identifying a team is the pre-requisite for executing a waste-free event. This team should be trained and oriented for smooth-functioning.

b. Assign volunteers to regularly guide people at all stages. Their roles may include placing and lining bins, monitoring bins, ensuring no contamination occurs between bins, increasing public awareness on recycling, servicing and transporting materials from bins to recycling area.

a. Identify and select vendors well in advance who will be responsible for

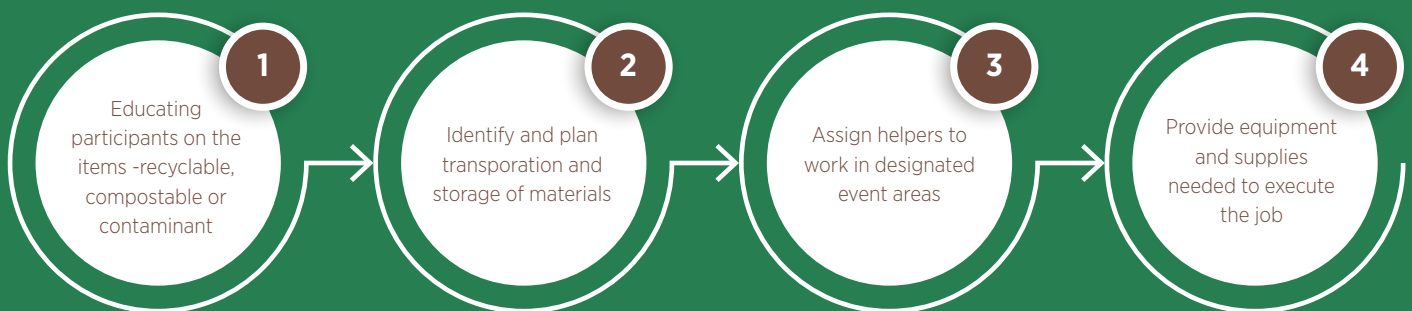
1. Recycling of dry waste

2. Composting wet waste

b. These vendors should be made aware of the expected size of the crowd, touchpoints and expected waste generation.

c. Take the help of expert Idaras and Sansthas like Burhani Foundation, Nazafat, Dana Committee and Happy Nests to plan, execute and wrap up the event as per the zero-waste objectives.

Training staff, volunteers and vendors



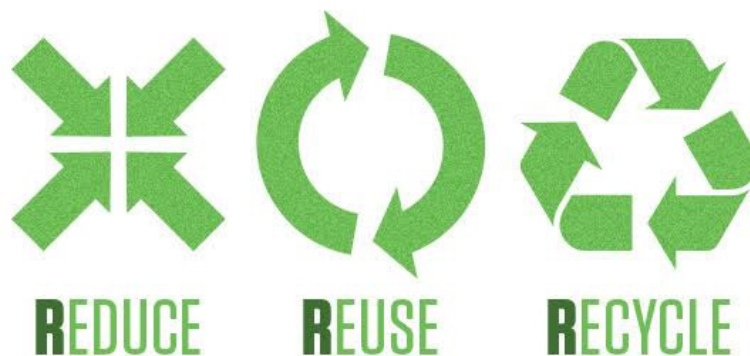
DATA COLLECTION & EVALUATION



- a. It is important to regularly track/weigh and make note of the amount of waste that has been sent for recycling or composting to determine progress of waste collection.
- b. This recording of waste can be done daily or at regular intervals to measure performance & practices throughout the event.

EDUCATE: AWARENESS AND ORIENTATION

- a. Planning, preparing and educating stakeholders well before the miqaat is critical in executing a zero-waste or sustainable event.
- b. Change takes time but continuous awareness and orientation as well as providing the necessary facilities will help in making the behavioural transition. Hence regular communication and engagement should be done at various touch-points to get support and participation from mumineen in making it a successful zero-waste event.
- c. Every mumin is an **Environment Warrior**: The end goal should be to make individuals self-aware about refusing and reducing waste at source and leading a sustainable lifestyle.



PROMOTION

During the entire Ashara Mubaraka event, clean and waste-free campaign should be promoted through public announcements and approved social media platforms.

Nazafat and Umoor Sehat khidmat guzars should wear distinctive jackets or badge for easy identification among mumineen for any help or guidance.

Local Jamaat Platforms messages should be sent to mumineen encouraging and reminding them to take small steps in avoiding the usage of single-use plastic items daily.

★ *Sample message on jamaat groups*

As responsible citizens, mumineen are requested to participate wholeheartedly in a worldwide campaign to refuse/reduce plastic waste and gain the khushi of our Aqa Maula ^{TUS}.

During Ashara Mubaraka waaz, mumineen are requested to bring their own reusable water bottle and shoe bag to masjid/waaz centres every day. You may refill the water bottle at drinking water dispensers placed at different places. Your action will help reduce unwanted plastic waste which is harmful to the health of people and the planet.

SAMPLE MESSAGE ON JAMAAT GROUPS

ZERO WASTE



Implement “BYOB” Campaign

BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE & BAG

campaign will urge mumineen to carry their own bottle and fill it.

Similarly encourage mumineen to carry their own reusable bags for shoes.



My Waste My Responsibility

Place banners or posters at various touchpoints at masjid and/or markaz to constantly remind people to clean the premises after namaz and waaz to maintain cleanliness and hygiene.

SUPPORT AND FEEDBACK

For any query regarding this document, you can reach out to Burhani Foundation and Nazafat teams at:

info@burhanifoundationindia.org

mail@nazafat.com

Please share details and high resolution photos of **Zero-Waste Ashara Mubarak** event in your Mauze on the above email address.

Reports from different jamaats will be compiled and shared in Hazrat Aaliyah Immamiya Nooraniya.

