

**The Status of Integrated Solid Waste Management  
in Selected Nairobi Hotels**

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The hospitality industry generates a lot of wastes in all forms, solid, liquids, gaseous and other categories such as hazardous wastes, whose management often pose a risk to the environment on which the industry depends on for sustainability. The said wastes are often disposed, using the easiest and convenient methods available in disregard of the potential impacts on the environment. Despite the existing legal framework on environmental sustainability, many hospitality facilities lack sound environmental management systems including waste management. Integrated solid waste management refers to the use of complementary variety eco-friendly and low impact practices to safely and effectively manage solid waste. The rapid urban growth of Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, currently estimated at 4million, coupled with the rapid growth of the hospitality industry, has contributed significantly to the growing volumes of solid wastes generated by the hotel industry. The traditional methods of solid waste management, especially the collection, transportation and disposal are inefficient and posing a potential threat to the environment hence not sustainable. Accordingly, there is a dire need for the adoption of an efficient and sustainable solid waste management method for Nairobi hotels. The paper presents an assessment of the current integrated solid waste management practices (ISWM) in selected Nairobi hotels.

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