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Best Manager Waste: **GOLD** St. Joseph's School, Abu Dhabi

While winning an award in the Sustainable Schools Initiative certainly requires a lot of hard work and dedication, it is even more challenging to sustain and improve that effort for a longer period of time.

The St. Josephs School achieved this feat by winning the Gold Award for the *Best Managers' Waste: Category* since the last four years. The school achieved this by implementing a no plastic bag policy within the school and managing their waste efficiently by composting all their food waste and sending the paper waste for recycling.

This time around they have managed all their waste efficiently; the paper waste is sent to recycling, the medical waste is sent to a contractor and their hazardous liquid & chemical waste is also sent to a registered company for safe disposal.

Their chemicals in the lab is also kept and handled as per the prescribed guidelines with the chemicals being bought in small amounts and replaced at frequent intervals of three months to reduce future disposal costs.

They also sent 3000 kg's of old textbooks for recycling and the School awarded each child with their own jute bag to bring their lunchboxes and other materials thereby eliminating the need for plastic bag.

