

Solid Waste Environmental Policy

York Region's Solid Waste Environmental Policy complements and demonstrates commitment to the Corporate Mission of providing cost effective, high quality services that respond to the needs of our rapidly growing communities.

York Region is committed to delivering efficient, effective and fiscally responsible solid waste management services in an environmentally sustainable and responsible manner to the residents and local municipalities we serve. We are leaders and innovators committed to adopting best practices in the management of solid wastes. To meet these goals, it is York Region's policy to:

1. Meet the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and environmental instruments by implementing comprehensive self monitoring programs and ensuring high quality environmental compliance reporting.
2. Prevent pollution by reducing emissions to the environment, by acting as environmental stewards and by reducing our consumption of resources.
3. Aggressively pursue a waste diversion rate goal of 65 percent by 2010.
4. Develop and implement clear and precise operational procedures to assure protection of the environment and optimal use of environmental, social and fiscal resources.
5. Set measurable objectives and targets to accurately monitor and reduce environmental impacts of resources and to regularly review and strive to surpass those objectives.
6. Recognize that staff are our most important resource and create a staff culture of environmental awareness.
7. Continually improve our performance through anticipating and managing change.

Regional Council endorsed this policy on _____ as motion _____. Through a continuing education program, it will be communicated regularly to all Regional staff, affected local municipal staff and contractors to York Region. The policy is available on the Regional website and is available to regulatory agencies, the public, or other interested parties upon request.

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