



SUSTAINABILITY

We did not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children. — Native American Proverb

What is Sustainability?



- Preservation of the earth – air, water, soil, plants
- Developing safer ways to produce products and dispose of waste
- Use of natural materials that grow back quickly- like bamboo as flooring
- Use of non-toxic products to prevent further contamination of the air, water, soil, plants and humanity



WDVA's Commitment

- Reduce consumption of
 - Paper
 - Fuel
 - Energy
- Purchase
 - Recycled paper
 - Environmentally-friendly products
 - Recycle waste
- Educate staff about sustainability

Taking good care of our planet is everyone's job, 365 days a year. Each of us must be involved in keeping our environment healthy. We all must do our part in leaving the legacy of our state's natural beauty to future generations. - Former Governor Gary Locke



What You Can Do

- Adopt sustainable practices in the workplace to conserve resources
- Adopt sustainable practices in your personal life
- Inform your family about sustainability and teach them sustainable practices

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

-Mahatma Gandhi



Paper & Copies

- Make two-sided copies and originals whenever possible
- Don't print unnecessarily – i.e. e-mail
- Make copies for only those who need them
- Use the back of one-sided copies as scratch paper
- Print in black and white and in 'draft' for correspondence within the agency and whenever possible
- Send information electronically whenever possible



Energy & Fuel

- When you leave for the day, turn off
 - computers
 - lights
 - copy machines
 - fans
- Carpool whenever possible to meetings or other business activities
- Don't let water run unnecessarily

This we know: the earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself. - Chief Seattle



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