



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

We at McGill University are committed to fulfilling our academic mission and managing all resources in harmony with our natural environment. We are committed to meeting our social, scientific, ethical and educational leadership responsibility in actively promoting the restoration and preservation of a healthy environment for the future and in contributing to building an equitable world.

Our commitment to raising environmental awareness and acting on it is manifested in our teaching and research activities, in other services which we provide to the McGill community and society at large, and in the individual and collective decisions which we take to offset the negative impact of the University's operation and activities on the Environment.

We are committed to increasing the University community's awareness of environmental issues, by fostering the appropriate values, knowledge, and skills to enable us to work towards the restoration and preservation of the Environment.

Approved by McGill Senate, April 18, 2001

THE STRATEGY

McGill University shall strive to be recognized as an environmentally safe and responsible institution of learning, and as a model of environmentally responsible living. To this end, the McGill University community shall make every reasonable effort to:

1. Prevent the over consumption of energy and other resource and reduce the production of waste, and the release of substances harmful to the biosphere;
2. Maintain purchasing policies which favor environmentally-benign, post-consumer, bio-degradable, and non-toxic products wherever possible;
3. Encourage all members of the McGill community to be environmentally aware and the University's Environmental Policy to be well publicized;
4. Encourage all members of the McGill community to Re-think/Reduce/Re-use/Recycle. Given the costs that recycling entails, reduce and re-use options shall always be considered first; and
5. Seek additional ways of achieving our goal of being environmentally safe and responsible.

Approved by Senate, September 18, 2002

PAPER USE POLICY (EXCERPT)

All academic and administrative units of the University shall abide by the commitments made under the McGill Environmental Policy in order to implement the principle of "rethink - reduce - reuse - recycle" in its paper usage by:

- Purchasing paper with greater recycled and post-consumer content, when economically feasible;
- Printing and copying double-sided, when appropriate;
- Allowing and encouraging students to submit double-sided assignments.

Approved by the Board of Governors, June 20, 2005

