



City of Phoenix

Public Transit Department Environmental Policy

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This policy statement describes the Public Transit Department's environmental policy. All our employees are responsible for incorporating into their planning and work the actions necessary to fulfill this commitment. The department is committed to implementing and continuously improving environmental management practices and to strive to continue to make Phoenix a better, healthier, and sustainable community.

The department empowers each individual employee to fulfill our environmental responsibilities and continually improve our environmental performance by:

- Minimizing use of toxic materials and the generation of hazardous waste by ensuring it is an important consideration in research and purchase of materials, and the operation of department functions;
- Preventing pollution by reducing the generation of waste at the source whenever possible as specified by City Manager Letter 1191, dated August 22, 1996;
- When waste cannot be avoided, the department is committed to recycling, treatment, and disposal in ways that minimize undesirable effects on air, water, and the land;
- Environmental protection through regulatory compliance and pollution prevention is the responsibility of every department employee and contractor;
- Environmental compliance and risk reduction through relevant federal, state, and local regulations, standards, and laws; and
- Periodically review the outcome, identify and implement improvements for future activities.

Pollution prevention is an individual, as well as collective responsibility of all department employees. The department promotes the spirit of cooperation toward establishing new goals and implementing programs which protect the community and the environment for future generations. All of us should make this commitment and incorporate sound pollution prevention and waste minimization practices into our daily work activities. This environmental policy will be communicated annually to all employees and available to the public via the department website.

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