

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library
Environmental Policy

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library's Board of Trustees and staff are committed to incorporating as many green practices as possible into our library. Our goal is to heighten the environmental consciousness of our patrons as well as our community. We want to promote the idea that it is feasible to maintain an environmentally friendly workplace. We will consciously rethink our processes, reduce and recycle our wastes, and reuse or purchase recycled materials. We will evaluate our practices and share our experiences in the hopes of inspiring others to "work green".

We shall strive to:

A. Prevent or reduce the amount of solid waste.

Where viable, discarded copy paper will be reused as scratch paper, coloring/drawing paper for the children, and to re-print on the unused reversed side.

Disposable table service (i.e. cups, plates, silverware etc.) will no longer be used in the snack area.

B. Prevent or reduce our energy and water consumption.

Water-flow at the drinking fountain and sinks will be reduced.

Thermostats will be raised 1% in the summer and lowered 2% in the winter. HVAC usage will be controlled by a 'timer'. The timer will allow energy down-time while library is closed. HVAC maintenance, including replacing filters, will be seasonally.

As required, ballasts and light bulbs will be replaced with more energy efficient products.

C. Recycle and manage solid and liquid waste in an environmentally responsible manner.

Sustaining a cooperative partnership with the community's recycling program will eliminate paper products, including cardboard boxes.

D. Eliminate the use of harmful chemicals.

Restroom and janitorial supplies will gradually be replaced with effective 'green' products.

E. Educate the community on 'going green'.

Programs explaining what 'going green' means to the community will be presented to all ages as time and finances permit. We will maintain a positive and proactive role in communicating our environmental activities and performances to the public.

Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library is committed to playing a constructive and collaborative role as a responsible environmental citizen in the life of the surrounding community.

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