

SECTION 14 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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14.1 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Town of Blacksburg is committed to the protection of the environment while providing the highest level of municipal services to the Blacksburg community. This environmental protection shall be accomplished through a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) administered by the Town Manager. The EMS shall include four basic elements:

1. Regulatory Compliance
 - A. The Town of Blacksburg will comply with applicable federal, state and local environmental, health and safety rules and regulations.
 - B. The Town of Blacksburg will regularly monitor changes in environmental, health and safety regulations and will modify procedures and practices to maintain compliance.

2. Pollution Prevention
 - A. The Town of Blacksburg will continually identify pollution prevention innovations and apply those that make good economic and environmental sense.
 - B. The Town of Blacksburg will reduce the use and generation of hazardous wastes wherever possible.
 - C. The Town of Blacksburg will reduce the use of energy and the generation of non-hazardous solid wastes.

3. Continuous Monitoring and Improvement
 - A. The Town of Blacksburg will regularly monitor and measure areas of significant adverse environmental impact.
 - B. The Town of Blacksburg will regularly review the EMS for continuing suitability, adequacy, and effectiveness and make such changes as are appropriate to ensure continuous improvement.

4. Communication with Employees and the Public
 - A. The Town of Blacksburg will make all employees aware of the importance of the EMS by providing regular training exercises on workplace environmental practices and procedures.
 - B. The Town of Blacksburg will inform the Blacksburg community of this Environmental Policy and the EMS through its' community education and outreach programs.

This Environmental Policy reflects the commitment of the Town of Blacksburg government to maintaining Blacksburg as a healthy and safe place to live, work, and visit.