



B. PRINCIPLES

The University of Western Ontario subscribes to the following principles of sustainability:

1. **Engagement** Environment and sustainability is the responsibility of everyone at Western. Success requires the collective action of the University community through long-term planning, shared learning, grassroots activities, and institutional leadership.
2. **Institutional Ecology** The University commits to developing institutional practices that promote sustainability while reducing the use of resources and the production of waste and hazardous materials.
3. **Efficacy** The University will continue to provide quality education and services while progressively reducing negative environmental, health and economic impacts.
4. **Accountability** The University will establish measurable sustainability goals and monitor, evaluate and report on performance.
5. **Innovation:** The University will encourage a climate of creativity, inquiry, research and collaboration that fosters new ideas and approaches to sustainability questions and challenges.
6. **Community** The University recognizes that it is part of a larger community and will engage with that community to promote sustainable practices and to identify and address opportunities and challenges that may have impact beyond our campus boundaries.

C. GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The principles identified in this policy will encourage:

- Incorporating sustainability into our academic programming, to contribute to an educated citizenry and develop future leaders
- Engaging in research across the disciplines into issues of environmental sustainability
- Reducing our use of inputs
- Reducing outputs through recycling and reuse
- Focusing on life cycle management of resources and waste products
- Utilizing ecological landscaping methods and preserving green space
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