

**WESTERN NEBRASKA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

SECTION: Human Resources           400.0000.14  
SUBSECTION: All Employees         415.0000.15

***Environmental Management***  
**Policy Number: 415.2225.07**

**POLICY**

The Board of Governors hereby affirms the responsibility of the College, including the College community of faculty, staff and students, to take a leadership role in conducting activities as stewards of the environment in its educational activities and programs to promote environmental awareness, regional action, and global cooperation.

In concert with the College's role in the region, the College community will strive to:

- Conserve natural resources and support the concept of sustainability;
- Conduct affairs in a manner that safeguards the environmental health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and surrounding communities;
- Reduce the use of toxic substances and recycle those wastes that cannot be avoided. And, purchase renewable, reusable, recyclable, and recycled materials.

In concert with the College's educational mission, the College community will strive to:

- Foster an understanding of and a responsibility for the environment;
- Ensure that individuals are knowledgeable about the environmental and health issues that affect their individual field or discipline and the College as a whole;
- Conduct teaching and training in an environmentally responsible way; and
- Provide a forum for the open flow of information and communication among governments, organizations, business/industry, and academia to discuss and study environmental issues and their relationships to other social issues.

In the arena of student and employee relations, the College will strive to promote individual responsibility and guide action for ensuring environmental improvements and minimizing adverse environmental impacts in the everyday work of individual faculty, staff, and students.

Finally, the College will initiate, promote, and conduct programs that implement the intent of this policy throughout the College, the region, state, and the larger global community.

**DEFINITIONS**

N/A

**APPLICABILITY**

N/A

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**Related Policies/References:** Department of Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) (Federal Law 29CFR, Part 1910)