



TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY

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REPORTING REQUIREMENT	Chief to report to Board annually on the effectiveness of the Service's environmental performance and achievements.	
LEGISLATION	<i>Police Services Act</i> , R.S.O. 1990, c.P.15, as amended, s. 31(1)(c).	
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The Toronto Police Services Board recognizes environmental protection as an important aspect of the delivery of policing services. The Toronto Police Services Board is committed to the provision of police services in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for the members of the Toronto Police Service and minimizes potential impact on the environment.

The Board will strive to continually improve its environmental performance by periodically reviewing this policy. In addition, the Board will review its own processes and will adopt environmentally responsible practices.

It is the policy of the Toronto Police Services Board that:

1. The Chief of Police will, in consultation with members of the Toronto Police Service and the appropriate officials of the City of Toronto, develop procedures focusing on the following objectives: cleaner air, water conservation, better use of energy, conservation, and reduction in waste taking into account the Toronto Police Service's mandate, budgetary considerations and employees' safety;
2. The Chief of Police will promote environmental awareness among the members of the Toronto Police Service, by educating and informing Service members about environmental issues that may affect their work, in order to encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner;
3. The Chief of Police will reduce waste by ensuring that procurement procedures provide for re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical, safe and suitable;

4. The Chief of Police will promote efficient use of materials and resources, particularly those that are non-renewable, throughout all Toronto Police Services facilities;
5. The Chief of Police will purchase and use environmentally responsible products that have been selected based on criteria including low toxicity or environmental hazard, durability, use of recycled materials, reduced energy and/or water consumption, reduced packaging and ability to be recycled, refilled or refurbished at end of life;
6. The Chief of Police will ensure that Service-coordinated outreach activities such as events, meetings and conferences are organized with environmental sustainability in mind; and
7. The Chief of Police will strive to continually improve the Toronto Police Service's environmental performance by periodically reviewing appropriate Service procedures and practices and by developing appropriate performance objectives and measures.