

Environmental Policy

To receive stewardship recognition for an **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**, a business must operate under a comprehensive written environmental policy that establishes the environmental goals and principles of a company. The policy must be strongly supported by the organization's leadership, address more than just compliance and be incorporated in all levels of the organization's structure.

What should be included in an **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**?

*Communicate this policy with all employees or post it in a visible location on

*Must be signed or endorsed by the executive officer

*Ideally, review and revise the policy statement each year

*Commit to realistically achievable goals beyond regulatory or legal compliance



An **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY** should contain information regarding:

- ⇒ a clear vision that will unite a company's employees, management, stakeholders, customers and suppliers
- ⇒ a continued commitment towards sustainability
- ⇒ explicit goals to be implemented in each department
- ⇒ how the policy will be evaluated over time
- ⇒ how the policy incorporates business strategy

In short...

1. Tailor the policy to the company—where can progress be achieved?
2. Share the policy throughout the business and community to promote awareness and cooperation.
3. Show proof of the document to the site inspector.

For more information on writing an **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**, visit:

Colorado State University—Writing Guide for an Environmental Policy Statement

<http://writing.colostate.edu/guides/documents/policy/index.cfm>

Global Reporting Initiative

<https://www.globalreporting.org/Pages/>

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