

What is Sustainability?

Although sustainability seems like a new concept, it has actually been around for decades. It's pretty simple - living a sustainable lifestyle is living without exhausting any resource.

In addition to society, sustainability can be applied to culture, economy, governance, environment, and social interactions. When we celebrate our ethnic and cultural heritage, when we compost our kitchen waste, when we turn off lights, when we pick up the litter from our community, when we decide to reduce, reuse and recycle instead of throwing things into a landfill ... we are practicing municipal sustainability!



Sustainability is making the best of life today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The main concepts of Sustainability

- Everyone needs to be able to meet his or her basic needs.
- If we continue to make the same unsustainable choices in the short term, then in the long term we will have destroyed all of our support systems and ultimately, not be able to meet our needs.
- Sustainability planning provides an opportunity for people to reflect on what they want for their communities and to develop strategies for maintaining their quality of life.
- Being sustainable means more than protecting the physical environment; it also means increasing financial efficiency, building social capacity, and doing more with less over the long term.
- We need to stop the trend of depleting our social, economic, environmental and cultural resources because we have not been replenishing them at a satisfactory rate.

To have a sustainable community everyone must do his or her part! To live a sustainable life we must:

Leave the world in a better state for future generations	Reduce the amount of energy we use	Reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions we produce	Save money by making better choices	Save the environment by making better choices
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