

Waterloo Co-operative Residence Incorporated

## **Environmental Initiatives Policy**

As approved by the General Manager,  
and incorporating all changes through:

**30 March 2010**

*(Note that, in this policy, the masculine shall include the  
feminine and the singular shall include the plural)*

## Revision History

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Date	Revisionist	Summary of Changes
25 September 2008	John Stilla	Creation of policy.
30 March 2010	Cary Hubbard	Altered policy statement to include operational activities

## External Cross-references

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Section(s)	Policy/Section Referenced	Referencing Policy	Section(s)

## DEFINITIONS

- “EcoLogo” is North America’s most widely recognized and respected certification of environmental leadership, launched in 1988 by the Canadian federal government
- “green” means environmentally sound or beneficial

## POLICY

1. WCRI will work to reduce its impact on the environment by implementing green processes and using green alternatives whenever possible throughout the Co-op and in the completion of operational activities.

## PROCEDURE

2. (1) When establishing new procedures for the Co-op, green alternatives will be considered.

(2) When assessing, reviewing, and updating current procedures for the Co-op, green alternatives will be considered.

3. Initially, WCRI will reduce its ecological footprint by:

- Educating members about living green and learning how to use green alternatives;
- Encouraging members to form and join environmental committees;
- Making recycling containers available for use by members and staff;
- Using environmentally friendly, *EcoLogo* certified cleaning products;
- Reducing electricity consumption by using energy-efficient appliances and installing motion censored lighting in common areas;
- Reducing water consumption by installing aerators on faucets and energy saving shower heads;
- Using biodegradable consumable supplies, (e.g., garbage bags) whenever possible; and
- Making sustainability a focus when planning redevelopment projects.