



**Policy Title:** Environmental Policy  
**Issued by:** Facilities Management Committee  
**Approved by:** Board of Trustees (April 19, 2002)  
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**PURPOSE:**

To protect the health of the natural resources of air, earth and water as well as the health of all who live, work and study or provide services to all at Brescia.

**SCOPE:**

Applies to all sectors of the College Community.

**POLICY:**

The natural beauty that is a cherished feature of Brescia University College reminds us daily of the interdependence of human life and the rest of nature. Mindful of this truth, and aware of the many ways our environment is endangered, the Brescia University College Community commits itself to the implementation of an Environmental Policy. We do this, both out of respect for the health of our earth, air and water, and in recognition of the importance of the vitality and preservation of these resources for the well-being of all those who live, work, study, provide services or visit in these premises. Working together as a university college community, we will continue to support the initiatives already in place here. We will seek further possibilities for putting into action our concern for one another and for our environment.

**PROCEDURES:**

Our policy encompasses the following matters:

1. Healthy air quality in buildings requires the monitoring and adjustment of ventilation, a no-smoking policy and discretion in the choice of cleaning materials.
2. Healthy air quality prohibits the use of pesticides, herbicides and other chemical compounds such as fertilizers on the lawns and gardens, except in emergency situations.
3. The reduction of garbage and a thorough recycling plan are essential. Choice of recyclable materials by all departments whenever possible will be important.
4. We will continue to plant and nurture trees and other vegetation, and will encourage the presence of wildlife insofar as is in keeping with our mission.
5. We will continue to educate ourselves on environmental issues and will seek out more effective ways of respecting and caring for nature's gifts to us.