



# McGill

## *Environmental Action Policy*

The following wording was approved by the Senate Committee on Physical Development, and was submitted and approved by Senate in September 2002. Item #2 below was recently approved during the 2005/06 session of the Senate Committee on Physical Development, but has not yet been approved by Senate:

*“McGill University shall strive to be recognized as an environmentally safe and responsible institution of learning, and as a model of environmentally responsible living.*

*To this end, the McGill University community shall make every reasonable effort to:*

- 1. Prevent the over-consumption of energy and other resources and reduce the production of waste and the release of substances harmful to the biosphere;*
- 2. Adopt principles of sustainable building practices for construction, renovation, and maintenance / operation of new and existing facilities;*
- 3. Maintain purchasing policies which favor environmentally-benign, post-consumer, bio-degradable, and non-toxic products wherever possible;*
- 4. Encourage all members of the McGill community to be environmentally aware and the University’s Environmental Policy to be well publicized;*
- 5. Encourage all members of the McGill community to Re-think/Reduce/Re-use/Recycle. Given the costs that recycling entails, reduce and re-use options shall always be considered first; and*
- 6. Seek additional ways of achieving our goal of being environmentally safe and responsible.”*