

Pierce County 2015 Sustainability Goals



The Pierce County Office of Sustainability works to establish coordinate and measure the effectiveness of initiatives that improve sustainable practices in the County Government. In the first 3 years of the Sustainability Program Pierce County employees have saved over \$1.65 million and improved the health of the local community by using less oil, energy and office supplies. We are attempting to meet these aggressive goals by December 31st, 2015.

Air Quality

- 1) All areas of Pierce County are in compliance with federal air quality standards.

Employee Sustainability Training

- 2) When surveyed, 90 percent of Pierce County employees take sustainability into consideration in their jobs.

Energy Efficiency

- 3) Reduce electricity and natural gas use by 15 percent in county owned facilities over January 2010 levels.
- 4) All new county facilities are built to a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver or better standard.

Green Purchasing & Recycling

- 5) At least 50 percent of office products purchased will have some recycled content.
- 6) Reduce purchase and consumption of copier/printer paper by 15 percent.
- 7) Increase recycling by 35 percent at Pierce County owned buildings.
Reduce the amount of landfill waste by 30 percent (Not Currently Measurable)

Transportation/Commute Trip Reduction

- 8) 50 percent of Pierce County's general use (non-patrol cars) fleet to be hybrid, electric, alternative fuel vehicles or achieve over 30mpg.
- 9) Increase fuel efficiency of entire vehicle fleet by 25 percent.
- 10) 25 percent of Pierce County employee commute trips will be public transit, carpool, vanpool, bicycle, walk, drive electric vehicles, telecommute or compressed work week.

Water Quality & Quantity

- 11) Reduce water use in our 43 owned buildings by 10 percent.
- 12) On average Pierce County streams grade to a B- or better (Currently C+).

Met 2015 Goal Early - New Goals - Removed Goal