



MUSEUM OF TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Operating Policy

M/OP 1.7: Environmental Sustainability

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Purpose: The policy for environmental sustainability at the Museum of Texas Tech University, including the Natural Sciences Research Laboratory and Lubbock Lake Landmark, is designed to clarify for the staff and public the reasons for which the Museum follows environmentally sustainable practices. This policy outlines the requirements, responsibilities, and accountability associated with the development and maintenance of integrated sustainable environmental practices and a culture of environmental sustainability at the Museum of Texas Tech University.

Review: This policy will be reviewed in even-numbered years by the Assistant Director for Operations and the Executive Director with recommended revisions forwarded to the Director's Advisory Council.

POLICY

The Museum works actively towards minimizing the impact of human activities on the environment. It does this directly through the application of sustainable practices such as recycling and conservation of resources.

As a steadfast and committed member of the community, the Museum of Texas Tech University strives to promote sustainability efforts that will preserve and protect the planet's resources. The Museum is dedicated to educating its faculty, staff, and students to reduce, reuse, and recycle now and well into the future. This commitment entails all aspects of its operations, collections, research, education, exhibitions, and visitor programs.

Compliance with mandatory Federal and State Government and University environmental policies, directives, and regulations is a minimum requirement and the Museum of Texas Tech University will strive to exceed mandatory compliance requirements and seek to achieve levels of best practice. Consideration of environmental practice and products will be a factor in procurement of goods, services, and works. The Museum works in conjunction with Texas Tech University Housing and Hospitality and Physical Plant to create an environmentally sustainable atmosphere. Texas Tech University Operations Division is responsible for the construction and maintenance of Museum buildings, building systems, and grounds, including interior environmental systems and controls.

Responsibility for the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Policy is delegated to the Assistant Director for Operations. The Museum has established a Green Team, advisory to the Director and Assistant Director for Operations, to generate ideas, create strategies, and help implement environmentally sustainable practices. The Museum maintains a recycling program that conforms to the guidelines established in [Texas Tech University Operating Policy 63.06](#) (Solid Waste Disposal ...). A list of current environmental practices is kept by the Assistant Director for Operations.