



Stony Brook University  
Environmental Health & Safety

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE TIP**

### Environmental Sustainability

Our Environmental Stewardship efforts initially focused on increasing awareness through training and information, encouraging involvement with the appointment of departmental Environmental Coordinators, identifying non-compliance issues with an aggressive inspection program, and departments taking corrective actions on existing violations. Our campus is committed to sustaining these programs.

To do so here are a few tips to consider:

- ✓ Communicate with faculty, staff and students to ensure that everyone is aware of the requirements.
- ✓ Forward communications that you receive to others in your department so that everyone is aware.
- ✓ Discuss requirements, issues and concerns at department meetings.
- ✓ Encourage everyone to attend the environmental training programs that EH&S offers.
- ✓ Provide the resources that are needed to implement program requirements. For example, keep a supply of secondary containment trays, collection containers, labels, spill materials, posters and other supplies that are needed for the collection of hazardous waste.
- ✓ Perform frequent inspections of chemical storage rooms, laboratories, shops and other areas where hazardous waste and universal waste are accumulated.
- ✓ Order chemicals only in quantities that are needed and perform regular assessments to ensure that old, unused chemicals are disposed of regularly.
- ✓ Report problems that are not promptly corrected to your supervisor or department Environmental Coordinator.

Stony Brook University has implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS), a process used to integrate environmental protection requirements into daily operations and practices. The continued vigilance of the entire campus community is needed for this system to be effective.

***Awareness promotes environmental stewardship... Involvement assures compliance.***