



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Background

Alpine FM 96.5 & 92.9 (formerly Alpine Radio) is committed to protecting the environment. We are continually looking for new ways to reduce the environmental impact of all our activities. We encourage our community and partners to do the same.

Responsibility

Alpine FM 96.5 & 92.9 is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented. Employees and volunteers have a responsibility in their roles to ensure that the aims of the policy are met.

Aims

Alpine FM 96.5 & 92.9 aims to:

- Maintain an awareness of contemporary changes in Environmental initiatives and implement these where financially and physically possible
- Provide resources (bins or waste transfer) facilities for staff and visitors to our business premises to enhance our organisation's ability to contribute to a cleaner and sustainable environment
- Involve staff and volunteers in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.
- Comply with, and exceed, all relevant regulatory requirements.
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- Incorporate environmental factors into organisational decisions.
- Use local labour and materials where possible to reduce carbon kilometres and support our community.
- Buy recycled and recyclable products and equipment where possible.
- Reuse and recycle all products and equipment where possible.
- Reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible; minimise where possible equipment standby modes (i.e., switch off equipment not in use).
- Reduce the amount of water used as much as possible.

- Consider energy consumption and efficiency when purchasing new equipment, and favour more environmentally friendly and efficient equipment wherever possible.
- Reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessary trips only and promoting the use of travel alternatives such as digital communication.
- Increase employee and volunteer awareness of environmental issues and offer training where possible.
- Encourage staff and volunteers to consider walking and cycling as alternatives to using private vehicles where possible, when visiting the station.
- Work with our community, by delivering programs to our listeners to improve their understanding of the environment and how they can contribute to a safer and sustainable environment

Implemented initiatives

- The station has dispensed with the use of plastic glasses, plastic plates, plastic straws and cardboard coffee mugs. All food and drink serving is undertaken with the use of china and glass receptacles.
- All waste is split into “waste” and “recycling” bins for pick up by Council.
- A new program aimed at providing community awareness of the environment “The Pale Blue Dot” has been implemented – this provides an awareness to our listeners of new technologies aimed at improving our environmental performance.
- All eWaste is disposed of at Alpine Shire’s dedicated e-waste drop-off points where it will be collected for resource recovery.
- Use of recycling programs for old equipment, computers and furniture, and used toner cartridges.
- Encouraging staff and volunteers to switch off lights and air-conditioning when station is unattended.
- Providing a safe and healthy workplace.

Related documents and links

- [RecyclingNearYou – Planet Ark](#) (Alpine Shire Council)
- <https://planetark.org/programs>
- [Environmental Protection Act 2017](#)

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