

An Environmental Management Plan – Is it as hard as it sounds?



With all the “management plans” being required these days, it can seem impossible that an environmental one should have to exist. After all, how many plans can there possibly be?

But there are some good reasons to have an Environmental Management Plan on hand, and it doesn’t need to take up too much time to implement one.

What is an Environmental Management Plan?

An Environmental Management Plan puts environmental practices and objectives into a written format (namely, a checklist or anything else that works). This then serves to demonstrate a businesses’ commitment to the protection of the environment.

Whilst many businesses actively protect the environment through everyday actions, it is important that the business records these actions and initiatives.

So you might be doing the right thing, but can you prove it? Completing a checklist every 6 months or so (or better yet, delegating someone to complete the checklist) can demonstrate environmental responsibility and prove consistent good behaviours or regular checks.

Proving that the business is being proactive in preventing pollution is important if being audited by the industry regulator for environmental issues, Local Councils. It might just seem like another piece of paperwork, but it might just come in handy one day and can also be used as a training tool for younger technicians.

Sample Environmental Management Plan

Your MTA or Chamber of Commerce has a sample Environmental Management Plan which is available to Members to assist in the establishment of individual business Environmental Management Plans.

Members are welcome to use the checklist provided, whether all or in part, and can add anything relevant or incorporate it into an Work Health and Safety check that may already be completed by the business.

The sample Environmental Management Plan is a tool for members to use in their business to ensure environmental legislative compliance and best practice. It is a baseline checklist, and there are plenty of additional steps and checks your business can take to improve its environmental efficiency.

A sample is provided because, for many businesses, this baseline checklist will be enough to cover the basics. This sample may provide all your needs or at least get you started, either of which will save your business time.

Want to know more about the Green Stamp Program?

Green Stamp Accreditation encourages automotive businesses to comply with environmental laws and more importantly, rewards the many that have gone beyond the legislative requirements!

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