

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

BEST PRACTICES

FOR CAMPSITES

USE LESS ENERGY

- Hire an expert to assess your energy consumption, and learn more about alternative energy solutions.
- Put up posters to educate your customers about how and why to save energy.
- Install electronic thermostats and set them to drop the temperature in your buildings after hours (e.g., reception, community hall, etc.).
- Set up timers for outside lights and motion detectors for lights in comfort stations.
- Swap out your lightbulbs for more energy-efficient models, like LEDs.
- Learn how to use new technology to optimize your water heater on the *Québec Energy Transition* website.
- Choose energy-efficient appliances (e.g., *Energy Star*).

MANAGE YOUR WASTE EFFICIENTLY

- Hire an expert to produce a report on the waste generated by your organization and develop a waste action plan.
- Implement the 5 Rs (rethink your needs, reduce, reuse, recycle and reclaim).
- Set up sorting areas with clear posters to promote proper materials management.
- Assess the possibility of adding recycling bins for glass and cans and a compost bin.
- Get *ICI on recycle* + certification.

MAKE RESPONSIBLE PURCHASES

- Avoid waste in ready-to-camps by providing soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion dispensers instead of individual mini bottles.
- Adopt a responsible purchasing policy.
- Educate your suppliers about reducing packaging.
- Look into making group purchases with other companies in your sector.
- Shop local, sustainable products, like recycled fibre toilet paper, antifreeze, food and cleaning products.
- Avoid using single-use containers in ready-to-camps, common rooms and dining areas.

CONSERVE WATER AND ECOSYSTEMS

- Hire an expert to ensure your onsite wastewater management system is up to code and evaluate greener wastewater management options.
- Install low-flush toilets or devices to reduce water flow on faucets.
- Install token-operated shower systems.
- Use environmentally friendly, phosphate-free cleaning products.
- Ask customers to use products that don't compromise your wastewater management system (e.g., phosphate-free cleaning products, toilet paper, etc.).
- Set up a rain barrel and use the rainwater collected to water plants and other landscaping element.
- Educate customers about using reef-safe sunscreen.

