



ABE'S® Real Bagels ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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1. GENERAL MISSION STATEMENT

ABE'S® Real Bagels is committed to the conservation, sustainable use and enhancement of the local and global environment for the present and for the future. We will meet our commitment through environmentally responsible practices and through equitable and participatory partnerships with customers, suppliers and communities.

2. COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

The concept of sustainability and our reaction to it is connected and affected (and often opposed) by values and concepts which drive and control the direction of human societies. ABE'S® goals are inspired by a “triple bottom line” philosophy and management which is appropriate to the cultural and historical context of the society where it takes place, and where economic and social objectives are achieved within the limits of ecological systems.

3. RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The development and operation of ABE'S® must allow for a clean, safe and healthy environment for members of ABE'S® and the wider community. This will be achieved through the avoidance or reduction of any adverse effects of ABE'S® activities upon the natural and man made environment and the local community.

ABE'S® Real Bagels is committed to environmental responsibility in the areas of the natural environment; development, management of the man made environment; and resource conservation.

3.1 Natural Environment

ABE'S® will ensure the conservation and responsible use of natural and physical resources on all properties under our care. This will include efforts to:

- Undertake the conservation and economic use of utilities such as water, electricity and gas;
- Ensure that a high quality of air, light, soil and other natural resources is achieved and maintained;
- Establish an ongoing management and reduction program for pesticide and chemical use in and around ABE'S® grounds and buildings.

3.2 Development, Design and Management

ABE'S® will enhance amenity and aesthetic values on ABE'S® grounds and other properties. This will include efforts to:

- Ensure that buildings and grounds are maintained so as not to become “visually offensive” or attract unwanted pests;
- Encourage the use of environmentally responsible transportation and provide facilities for that use.

3.3 Resource Conservation

ABE'S® will minimise waste and other pollution discharges from our facilities. This will include efforts to:

- Establish environmentally responsible and appropriate purchasing practice;
- Promote the efficient use of our buildings, equipment, resources, materials and utilities;

- Undertake a comprehensive waste management program to reduce the quantities of waste being generated and, where possible, reuse or recycle wastes which are still produced;
- Ensure all wastes are properly managed and handled, particularly hazardous materials.

6. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

In addition to effective management of the natural and man made environment, respect and recognition of social and cultural values and rights are essential to achieving a sustainable future, ABE'S® Real Bagels is committed to promoting a diverse social and cultural environment.

6.1 Social and Cultural Environment

ABE'S® will recognize and respect the unique social and cultural environment of the ABE'S® community. This will include efforts to:

- Incorporate an understanding of the social and ethnic cultural diversity that exists within ABE'S® environment and consideration, where appropriate, to hours of work and tasks to be performed;
- Encourage our team to respect and embrace the social and cultural relationships within ABE'S® community and society in general.

7. PUBLIC PROFILE

This Environmental Policy aims to encourage ABE'S® community to appreciate the importance of becoming leaders by example in terms of environmental awareness, expertise and effectiveness with respect to sustainable resource use and environmental and human management.

ABE'S® will promote itself as an environmentally and ecologically responsible company. This will include efforts to:

- Promote environmentally responsible partnerships with the wider community;
- Carry out its internal and external business activities as well as its selection and use of resources in an environmentally responsible manner;
- Support the endeavors of like minded institutions and organisations and actively encourage others, including trading partners, to do the same.

8. IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

Recognising that ABE'S® has both a legal obligation and ethical responsibility as acknowledged by the Resource Management Act 1991 and the Proposed Auckland Regional Air, Land and Water Plan must be implemented in a manner that is timely, effective and ongoing.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environmental Management Plan aims for the implementation of ABE'S® Environmental Policy in a manner that is timely, effective and ongoing.

A comprehensive environmental management system will be initiated to enable ABE'S® to ensure that it meets the goals of the Environmental Policy. This environmental management system will also ensure that ABE'S® successfully and proactively meets the requirements of relevant legislation such as the Building Act (1991), the Health, Safety and Employment Act, the Resource Management Act (1991) and other relevant legislation and amendments (see Register of Legislation for complete listing).

Objective: To implement the Environmental Policy throughout ABE'S® in a manner that is timely, effective and ongoing.

Strategies:

1. Establish a senior staff position to provide leadership and direction. This same person will be responsible for the maintenance of ABE'S® Register of Legislation and monitoring various sources for relevant updates.
2. Establish a committee to oversee the implementation of the Environmental Policy.
3. Initiate and implement an on going environmental management system which is proactive, takes into consideration the principles of sustainability, health and safety, social and cultural diversity and includes:
 - an environmental audit of ABE'S®, its practices and community relationships;
 - setting of goals, both long term and short term;
 - review of environmental programs;
 - a monitoring framework;
 - established reporting procedures;
 - set times for reviews;
 - external audit;
 - mechanisms for dissemination of information and open consultation with ABE'S® community.

C. REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

The following documents provide guidance and support for the implementation of the Environmental Policy and the development of an Environmental Management Plan:

(a) RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT

The 1991 Resource Management Act attempts to provide a new context for the use and preservation of resources within New Zealand/Aotearoa. Relevant provisions within the Act could be explored and incorporated into policy where appropriate to support environmental justice and the commitment to sustainability.

Sustainable management is defined as an imperative to use, develop and protect natural resources in a manner which: meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; safeguards the life-supporting capacity of ecosystems; and avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects of activities on the environment.

(a) AUCKLAND BUSINESS CARE ENVIROMARK PROGRAMME RESOURCE KIT

The Auckland Business Care Enviromark Program has 6 objectives:

- Resource Efficiency;
- Environmental Requirements for Suppliers and Contractors;
- Green Purchasing Policies;
- Environmental Accords and Codes of Practice;
- Achieving Enviromark Bronze, Silver and Gold (objectives 5&6)

ABE'S® Real Bagels is committed to achieving the Enviromark Gold Standard within the time frame allocated by ABCEM.

(b) WWW

The following Web Sites have been consulted and in as many cases as possible subscriptions for automatic updates have been submitted:

- Auckland Regional Council - www.arc.govt.nz and www.arc.govt.nz/arc/index.cfm?9FE8B937-6CDB-4793-ACA9-7DE3BE159633
- Auckland City Council - www.aucklandcity.govt.nz
- Department of Conservation - www.doc.govt.nz
- Enviromark NZ - www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/sustain_business/enviromark
- Enviromark - www.enviro-mark.com
- Ministry for the Environment - www.mfe.govt.nz
- Renew Waste Exchange - www.renewwasteexchange.org.nz
- Resource Management Law Association - www.rmla.org.nz

- Sustainable Business Network - www.sustainable.org.nz
- WaterCare - www.watercare.co.nz
- As well as ACC, Department of Labour, NZFSA, FSANZ, AgriQuality, ADHB, NZ Injury Prevention Strategy, Site Safe, Ministry of Civil Defense, WorkSite, ERS, EMA, Chamber of Commerce and others.

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