

## **UT Knoxville Environmental Policy**

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- The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (“UT Knoxville”) aspires to serve as a model of sustainability, stewardship and intergenerational responsibility.
- In its operations, UT Knoxville will apply principles of energy conservation, carbon footprint minimization, responsible purchasing, waste minimization, and sustainable design.
- UT Knoxville faculty, staff, and students will strive to increase awareness of environmental issues and will promote sound environmental practices.
- UT Knoxville will encourage consideration of environmental impacts in decisions made by university faculty, staff and students.
- UT Knoxville will establish continual improvement processes to prevent pollution, improve environmental performance, and comply with legal requirements and voluntary commitments.
- UT Knoxville growth will occur in ways that respect the surrounding human and natural communities.
- UT Knoxville will cooperate with other local, national and international organizations to promote sound environmental policies and practices.
- UT Knoxville will clearly document and report progress and achievements related to this policy.