

# Environmental Guidelines for the City of Nichols Hills

The City of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma, recognizing the responsibility of governmental institutions to address issues of sustainability, environmental health, and economic well-being at a local level, and to fulfill its mission to protect, maintain, and improve the quality of life for all present and future residents, hereby adopts the following guidelines:

- **Water Conservation:** We encourage the careful conservation and protection of our water supply. [www.okc.gov/water/service/Forms/HouseHoldWaterUsage.aspx](http://www.okc.gov/water/service/Forms/HouseHoldWaterUsage.aspx); [www.epa.gov/watersense/quiz](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/quiz); [www.nicholshills.net](http://www.nicholshills.net) for NH Annual Drinking Water Quality Report & NH Water Conservation Plan
- **Energy:** We endeavor to reduce all energy use through conservation and to utilize renewable energy sources when practical. [www.energysavers.gov/tips/](http://www.energysavers.gov/tips/); [www.energysavers.gov/renewable\\_energy/](http://www.energysavers.gov/renewable_energy/)
- **Waste Management:** We seek to encourage source Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling of materials at City facilities and among our residents. [www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/rrr](http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/rrr); [www.deq.state.ok.us/recycle](http://www.deq.state.ok.us/recycle) & [www.nicholshills.net](http://www.nicholshills.net) for What, Why, & Where to Recycle
- **Sustainable Building and Development:** We encourage the preservation of open space and the construction of residential, commercial, and institutional structures that reduce their impact on the environment. [www.nicholshills.net](http://www.nicholshills.net) for Sustainable Construction ([www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org) & [www.sustainablebuild.co.uk](http://www.sustainablebuild.co.uk))
- **Transportation:** We encourage the use of alternative transportation modes and sustainable fuels, reduce or eliminate pollution from City-owned vehicles, and reduce idling of all motor vehicles.
- **Purchasing/Contracting:** We seek to purchase goods or services at a local level and that reduce the use of energy and pollution in their manufacture, packaging, use, and disposal; have lower transportation costs; contain sustainable and/or bio-based ingredients; do not contain ingredients known to be harmful to humans; and that are shipped in biodegradable or recyclable packaging.
- **Land Management:** We endeavor to manage our City-owned land so as to maximize the natural recycling of materials and minimize environmental pollution.
- **Green Cleaning:** We endeavor to clean and maintain our City facilities with products that are free from known or suspected toxins.
- **Environmental Toxins:** We endeavor to reduce exposure to environmental toxins through the proper disposal of hazardous materials and through additional measures as necessary. [www.nicholshills.net](http://www.nicholshills.net) for Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste
- **Communications:** We seek to continually inform all residents of Nichols Hills of this and all other environmental policies and programs through written and electronic communications:

Source: [How Green Is My Town](#) as revised by the Nichols Hills Environmental Health, & Sustainability Commission, February 8, 2011