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Environmental Sustainability Sustaining Natural Resources

Environmental sustainability encourages people to live in a way that doesn't put stress on natural resources. This way, we can maintain an ecological balance in our planet's natural environment, which will benefit today's ecosystems and protect future generations. Because so many decisions that impact the environment are not felt immediately, a key element of environmental sustainability is its forward-looking nature. In fact, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines it as "meeting today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."



Examples of DLA Achieving FY23 Sustainability Performance Goals*

- Greenhouse Gas Emissions — 65% Reduction by FY30
 - 54.8% emission reduction from FY08 baseline
 - 6.5% emission reduction from FY21
- Sustainable Fleet Management
 - 20% Zero Emission Vehicles Acquisition
 - 16% Reduction in petroleum vehicles since FY21
 - 33% Increase in alternative fuel vehicles since FY21
- Waste Management — 50% Diversion by FY25
 - 82% Non-hazardous waste diverted from landfills
 - 91% Construction and Demolition diverted from landfills
- Electronic Stewardship — 100% product with energy efficient standards and 100% e-waste disposal via acceptable methods
 - 100% of newly purchased or leased equipment met efficiency requirements in FY22
 - 100% of electronic equipment disposed using environmentally sound methods



Ways to Live More Sustainably

1. Think before shopping — Every new product has a carbon footprint. Ask yourself if the product is really needed or consider buying second hand.
2. Drive less, drive green — When possible walk, ride bike or take public transportation. Consider the benefits of using an electric or hybrid vehicle.
3. Plant native, use mulch — Native plants need less water, less fertilizer, and work in tandem with native wildlife. Mulch is a great way to trap moisture in garden beds.
4. Compost food scraps, reduce food waste — Take regular inventory of refrigerated items that may be going bad and use leftovers to make simple meals such as soups, stews, smoothies. Start a small compost bin to keep food scraps and use this compost in your garden.
5. Reuse water — Capture water from a dehumidifier or A/C unit and use to water plants
6. Upcycle — find ways to regenerate "old" items into something creative and useful to keep it out of landfills.



Sources: Learn About Sustainability | US EPA

*DLA Sustainability Performance Report 2023, September 30, 2023, DLA Installation Management Environmental Management (DM-E)

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