

## POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	N.E.P.N. CODE
<b>REGULATION OF WASTE MATERIALS &amp; NON-RECYCLABLE MATERIALS</b>	<b>EDE</b>

### I. POLICY

The Louis Riel School Division endorses the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDG). Accordingly, the Division recognizes:


- the critical importance of teaching children and young people to be responsible about their natural environment, while maintaining and improving its health as part of a divisional commitment to sustainable development principles;
- the interdependence between sustainable development, the health of the natural environment, and decisions about use and disposal of materials; and
- the unique potential of the Division and its schools to advance community understanding of, and commitment to, practices that preserve the natural environment and support sustainable development principles.

Consistent with [United Nations SDG 12](#) which seeks to “ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns” through “the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle” (Target 12.4) and the “reduction of waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse” (Target 12.5), this policy supports the Division’s commitment to the principles of sustainable development with **GUIDELINES** and **PROCEDURES** to regulate the use and disposal of specific materials in the Division’s schools and workplaces.

### II. GUIDELINES

- A. The Superintendent of Schools shall recommend to the Board procedures to:
1. regulate the disposal of specific waste materials;
  2. minimize and/or discontinue use of specific non-recyclable materials.

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- B. For the purposes of this policy, a non-recyclable material shall be defined as material:
1. whose composition is non-biodegradable and non-biocompostable;
  2. whose nature compels its recycling and/or disposal as waste material following single or limited use; or
  3. for which recycling programs are not located within the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg.

### III. PROCEDURES

- A. Consistent with **GUIDELINE A**, the Board mandates the following practices:
1. Effective January 1, 2010, the Louis Riel School Division shall discontinue the purchase and use of polystyrene material, including Styrofoam and any other specifically branded derivatives of polystyrene, in its schools and workplaces.
  2. Effective September 1, 2020, the Louis Riel School Division shall require that each school and workplace collect the following types of waste materials generated on-site and dispose of them in the manner prescribed by the Division:
    - a. household recyclable materials (blue box materials);
    - b. batteries;
    - c. light bulbs;
    - d. ballasts;
    - e. lab chemicals;
    - f. used motor oil;
    - g. paint;
    - h. printer cartridges;
    - i. print materials (see [Policy DN-1 – Disposition of Property: Print Materials](#));
    - j. equipment and furniture (see [Policy DN-2 – Disposition of Property: Equipment and Furniture](#)); and
    - k. electronic waste (see [Policy DN-3 – Disposition of Property: Technology Equipment](#)).
  3. Effective September 1, 2020, the Louis Riel School Division shall discourage the use of single-use straws, plates, cups, bowls, and utensils in its schools and workplaces. When the nature of an event compels the use of such disposable materials, the Division shall only support the purchase of biocompostable products.
  4. Effective September 1, 2020, the Louis Riel School Division shall discontinue the purchase and use of bottled water products that are sized for individual consumption in its schools and workplaces. The Division promotes the use of refillable water bottles and, to this end, shall maintain a water bottle filling station in each school.
- B. The Division shall expect the full compliance of all employees in implementing the practices listed in **PROCEDURE A**.

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