

What *is* Sustainability?

Sustainability is essentially *minimizing the unwanted environmental impacts of daily activities and projects.*

It means thinking, working, and *living* in ways that don't use more resources and energy than you need. Sustainability is operating without damaging the environment or compromising future needs for resources.

In other words, our aim is for our society to be *sustainable.*

DENR & Sustainability

NC DENR is "committed to become an exemplary model and a leader in implementing the state's initiatives for responsible environmental stewardship."

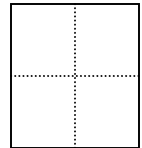
DENR'S Sustainability Policy:

"The Department of Environment and Natural Resources and its Divisions are expected to take real and permanent steps to reduce unwanted environmental impacts in their daily activities and projects. All DENR Divisions should implement their own sustainability projects and make sure that employees have access to environmental education resources and materials.

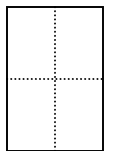
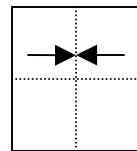
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Create Your Own Sustainability Cube

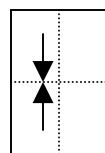
1. Print the 3 pages with the cube format. (You only will only see the printed side once your cube is assembled, so re-use paper that has already been printed on one side.)
2. Cut (or tear) along the dotted lines. You should have six squares.
3. With the design face down, take each square and fold it top to bottom, crease, and unfold. Then fold it right to left, crease, and unfold. When you finish, your unfolded square should have creases in a 'plus'-shaped design.



4. Take one square, and note which edges of the design-side are numbered 1. (The top and the bottom or the sides.)
5. Design-side down, fold the #1 edges 1/4 in, so they meet at the middle crease.



6. Without unfolding the creases you just made, fold in the remaining two sides (#2), so they meet at the middle crease.



7. Repeat steps 3-6 with all six squares.