

ECIA Environmental Impact Management Policy

The ECIA will employ the principles of Environmental Stewardship* by using the least toxic, most environmentally benign materials for maintaining its community property and facilities, **as cost allows**. This includes, but is not limited to, materials used in amenities, cleaning, construction, flooring, furniture, landscaping, pool maintenance, pest management, renovation, and roofing.

- 1) The principles of Environmental Stewardship will be followed when choosing materials and products. This means the least toxic, most environmental benign materials will be used, **as costs allows**.
- 2) Additionally, pest control will employ the principles of Integrated Pest Management**.
- 3) The ECIA will, *whenever possible*, notify Eldorado residents when pesticides or other toxic chemicals will be used or have been used by the ECIA.
- 4) The ECIA Board and/or the Eldorado Environmental Stewardship Committee and/or the Working Group (See Procedures for Pesticide Application approved on 2/21/19) shall review and approve all products and materials proposed for use by management and staff.
- 5) The ECIA shall **promote** the use of least toxic, most environmentally benign amenities, cleaning, construction, flooring, furniture, landscaping, pest control, renovation, and roofing materials/products by Eldorado residents, businesses, utility companies, County of Santa Fe, and other governmental entities that provide services in Eldorado.
- 6) All contractors working for the ECIA and/or management company will abide by the ECIA Environmental Impact Management Policy. Notice of this policy will be included in all contracts. Violation of this Policy shall be grounds for contract cancelation.

*** *Environmental Stewardship includes:***

- A. A commitment to sustainable development and improved environmental performance through policies that emphasize pollution prevention, energy efficiency, environmental leadership, and public communications.
- B. The implementation of innovative environmental auditing, assessment and improvement programs to identify and correct current and potential problems and utilize pollution prevention and energy efficiency measures to improve overall environmental performance.
- C. The use of environmental audits, pollution prevention assessments, and employee training and involvement will be an integral part of the ECIA culture.
- D. A periodic assessment of the progress toward meeting the ECIA's environmental goals and a link between the assessment results and the actions needed to improve environmental performance.
- E. An open and inclusive process that develops and fosters the implementation of environmental management systems which provide a framework for ensuring day-to-day compliance in process operations, pollution prevention, energy efficiency, and improved environmental performance.
- F. The development of measures of environmental performance to demonstrate adherence to these Principles.

<https://usmcoc.org/membership/current-programs/the-seven-principles-of-environmental-stewardship/>

*****Integrated Pest Management Principles include:***

- A. Prevention of pest problems through the design and maintenance of facilities and the cultural, mechanical or physical prevention of pests;
- B. Biological control of pests;
- C. As a final step after prevention techniques fail, the use of an EPA minimal risk pesticide⁺. An additional condition for our purposes is the use of the least toxic pesticide available, as cost allows; and
- D. Monitoring of pest problems.

⁺*Note that the term pesticide includes insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, etc.*