

QE FOODSTORES SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

As part of our “Quality Food Shopping Made Easy” promise we at QE Foodstores are committed to playing our part in reducing our impact on the environment.

The QE Foodstores Sustainability policy is guided by government best practice guidelines and procedures in the areas of Energy Usage, Minimizing Green House Gas Emission and Ozone Depleting substances and Minimizing Waste.

Some of the policies and procedures that we have in place include;

Energy usage;

- All our lighting uses LED’s energy efficient lights and CFL’s light bulb which consume low energy.
- We turn off 90% of lights after we close the store.
- We choose maximum star products to minimize energy consumption level.

Greenhouse gas emissions and ozone depleting substances;

- We ensure most of our business meetings are held through Skype so we reduce the need to travel by car.

Suppliers, products and material uses;

- We have introduced brown paper bags in our produce sections to replace plastic rolls
- We support eco products
- We encourage customers to bring their own biodegradable bags and we offer cardboard boxes all the time.
- We also support organic, biodynamic and chemical free products, which have reduced impact on our ecosystem.

Minimizing Waste;

- We pride ourselves on our ability to buy well. We go to the Sydney Markets 2 or 3 times per week to ensure our fruit and veg is as fresh as possible and that we can buy at the right quantities to minimize food wastage. This means fresher food, better prices and less waste.
- We have regular training sessions to ensure our team are able to manage and produce low wastes.
- We support OZ Harvest and give all suitable unsold edible food to them, so they can distribute to the needy in Sydney

If you have any suggestions of how we could be doing better, we would love to hear from you. Just contact your local QE Manager or email pm@qefoodstores.com.au

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