

Milltown Marina & Boatyard

Environmental Policy

Our Commitment

Milltown Marina & Boatyard is committed to protecting the environment by minimizing our ecological footprint and promoting sustainability. We aim to maintain clean water, reduce waste, and encourage eco-friendly boating practices. We strive to lead by example, working with our community and boaters to preserve our natural resources for future generations.

Key Principles:

1. Water Protection

- We ensure that all marina activities protect water quality and prevent contamination.

2. Waste Reduction

- We provide clearly marked bins for recycling and trash.
- We promote reducing single-use plastics and encourage reusable options.

3. Energy Efficiency

- We aim to reduce energy use by adopting energy-efficient systems.

4. Wildlife and Habitat Care

- We protect local wildlife and their habitats by minimizing disruptions to natural areas. No-wake zones are enforced to reduce turbidity.
- We do not allow Jet Skies or Sea-Doos at the marina.

5. Sustainable Boating Practices

- We educate boaters on reducing their environmental impact, from waste disposal to fuel use and non-toxic maintenance products. The use of interpretive and instructional signage is one method of disseminating information to the public.

6. Pollution Prevention

- We have spill prevention and response plans in place to quickly address any accidents and prevent harm to the water and surrounding areas.

Implementation and Monitoring

- We'll regularly review and update our environmental practices to ensure compliance and continuous improvement.
- Staff are trained on sustainability and responsible environmental practices.
- We'll engage with the community to promote environmental awareness and actions.

Commitment to Improvement

Milltown Marina & Boatyard is committed to sustainability and will set measurable goals to reduce our environmental impact. We are dedicated to being a responsible environmental steward, continuously improving our practices and working with the local community.

Goals

- **Short-Term (1 Year):**
 - Reduce energy usage.
 - Start an educational campaign for boaters on sustainable practices.
- **Medium-Term (3 Years):**
 - Increase recycling and waste diversion efforts. Phase out the use of older two stroke engines banning them in the marina to promote the use of four stroke or direct-injection two stroke engines which are more fuel efficient and produce fewer emissions.

Milltown Marina & Boatyard Environmental Goals/Initiatives:

- **Long-Term (5+ Years):**
 - Add a pump out station to provide a convenient and environmentally responsible way for boaters to dispose of sewage.
- Replacing energy consuming light bulbs with energy saving LED bulbs throughout marina.
- Manage light at the marina with automatic light switches.
- Replaced old equipment such as the hot water tank.
- Installed low flow shower heads and have push buttons on showers.
- Infrastructure inspection of water pipes.
- Buy environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Waste management-separate recycling, garbage and compost bins.

How You Can Help

Responsibility: Act in an environmentally responsible and safe manner.

Pollution: Recognise that all forms of pollution and contamination (including noise and light pollution) are prohibited. Use oil absorbing materials in the bilge.

In-Water Hull Cleaning: Any process that could remove antifouling paint from the vessel's hull is prohibited.

Washing of Vessel: Cleaning compounds used for washing boats should be phosphate-free and biodegradable and usage kept to a minimum. *(Products should not contain ammonia, sodium hypochlorite, chlorinated solvents, petroleum distillates, or lye.)*

Clean & Tidy: Keep the premises in a clean and tidy condition. Sort garbage and make use of nonhazardous waste bin, recycling bins and compost bin located near the Marina Office. Marina staff can direct those customers with hazardous waste to the correct recycling/disposal facility. Pet waste is a substantial source of fecal contamination and must be properly disposed of in the garbage.

Refueling: Take extra care to prevent spillage from around the fuel nozzle or air vent. Fuel drippings from the nozzle when removed from the boat must be minimized.

Waste: Prevent disposal of any waste matter into the marine environment as it is strictly prohibited. Neither material, debris nor substances should be allowed to enter the marine environment.

Overboard dumping of any debris is not permitted. Washing down of materials generated from maintenance or repairs into the water is strictly prohibited.