

Welcome to the Environmental Performance Section of the Ontario Snow Resorts Association's Best Management Practices Manual.











The materials found within this section cover topics including energy and water use, solid and hazardous waste, transportation, purchasing, natural environment and outreach and education. Within each topic are actions that Ontario ski areas can incorporate into their day-to-day operations that will result in improved efficiency and/or financial savings.

To help get you started a short "Getting Started Factsheet" is included to provide direction to ski areas towards easy to implement initiatives that will improve their environmental performance. Once these initiatives have been achieved, ski areas can move on to more involved pollution prevention opportunities within the 3 best practices templates on water conservation and use; energy conservation and use; and, waste management opportunities.

Choose the actions in these materials that are most applicable to your ski area and don't feel as if you have to do everything at once. To assist you in deciding which initiatives to tackle, the task force has rated them based on 'Ease of Implementation' and 'Resulting Savings'. However the initiatives you ultimately choose will depend on technical considerations, costs, time to implement and environmental priorities specific to your own ski area. Data collection templates are also provided and can be easily customized to suit your ski area's unique challenges and opportunities.

Once you have undertaken some initiatives, share your experiences with your peers! Submit your success story using the template provided. The information you provide will be included as part of an online database accessible to members of the Ontario Snow Resorts Association.

Legend: The following symbols are used within the factsheet and best practices templates.

	Policy / Procedure		Energy savings		Efficient transportation
	Water savings		Waste reduction		Education / Outreach
	Financial savings		Toxics reduction		Regulatory compliance
	Web-based resources				

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These materials are not intended to be a comprehensive list of all techniques that could be used to reduce waste and pollution at your ski area. These materials will continue to be refined and updated to reflect user feedback and new developments. Stay alert for these improvements and continue to reassess your operations periodically.