

Dow Corning Education Centre Eco Code



Recycling & Composting



- Visitors in the education centre should **Reduce**, **Reuse** and **Recycle** wherever possible
- We monitor the amount of rubbish we collect.
- We always use our recycling bins correctly on site.
- We provide Bins outside for visitors

Energy

- We use solar panels to create electricity
- We use geothermal heating to keep us warm
- We only use the lights if necessary
- We always turn electrical appliances off at the plug when not in use
- We make sure our windows are as clean as possible to allow plenty of light into the building.



Water



- We collect rain water to flush the toilets
- We do not leave taps dripping
- We only use as much water as we need

Transport

- We encourage all staff and visitors to only use cars when necessary.
- We encourage Dow Corning staff to think about walking to work, using a bike or car sharing.



Purchasing



- We use recycled toilet paper
- We use environmentally friendly cleaning products
- We will always look for recycled or ethical products
- We will buy fair-trade tea and coffee
- We buy environmentally friendly cleaning products

Looking after wildlife

- We teach everyone to respect the natural environment
- We follow a management plan.
- We have introduced more wildlife homes e.g. toad homes to increase the biodiversity



Biodiversity



We will try and increase the biodiversity of Dow Corning Nature Reserve and its surroundings. For example: By using Toad homes and controlling unwanted 'weed' species and by cultivating a new wild meadow

Raising Awareness

We tell all of our visitors, Dow Corning employees and the local community about how we are trying to protect the environment.



Environmental Laws



We follow environmental laws to stop pollution or disturbance to wildlife. For example, having the correct animal handling licenses and carrying out conservation work at the most suitable time of year for the wildlife.