



**Linköpings  
kommun**

# **Environmental Policy for the Municipality of Linköping**

## **The Municipality of Linköping and its municipal enterprises should serve as a role model for environmental protection and preservation programmes**

As Sweden's fifth largest municipality, Linköping bears considerable responsibility for environmental protection. The services provided by the local authorities affect everyone living in the municipality. The majority of our activities fall under the heading of public services and, as such, are open to inspection by members of the general public. It is therefore important that we serve as a role model for others in our efforts to protect and preserve the environment in the Municipality of Linköping.

All our activities should help promote a sustainable environment from both an ecological, social and economic perspective. An ecologically sustainable approach springs from an awareness that nature and natural resources are valuable in themselves and that our right to modify and exploit them goes hand in hand with an obligation to manage them to the best of our abilities.

## **We must work towards environmental sustainability by:**

- taking environmental considerations into account when we make decisions.
- taking active measures to cut down on the use of natural resources and to prevent pollution.
- steadily reducing energy consumption and making increasing use of renewable energy sources.
- promoting environment-friendly building and construction.
- striving to maintain biological diversity within the municipality.
- adapting our acquisition and purchasing routines to environmental requirements on an ongoing basis.
- satisfying environmental legislation requirements and other demands by a wide margin.
- inspiring and educating employees and elected representatives with a view to improving and enhancing our environmental efforts at all times.
- informing and maintaining a dialogue on environmental issues with residents, employees and other stakeholders.

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*The above environmental policy shall apply regardless of whether an activity is performed by the municipal authorities or by an entrepreneur. The policy shall equally apply to municipal enterprises. The business of Linköping municipality comprises nursing and medical services, education, community planning, technical services, infrastructure, public transport, property and land administration, housing, cultural and recreational activities, and exercise of authority by the social welfare committee, the environmental committee, the local housing committee and the public works committee.*