

Wanda wonders about How good Housekeeping practices can support the environment.



# Reduce Our Impacts Environmental Messenger

## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING

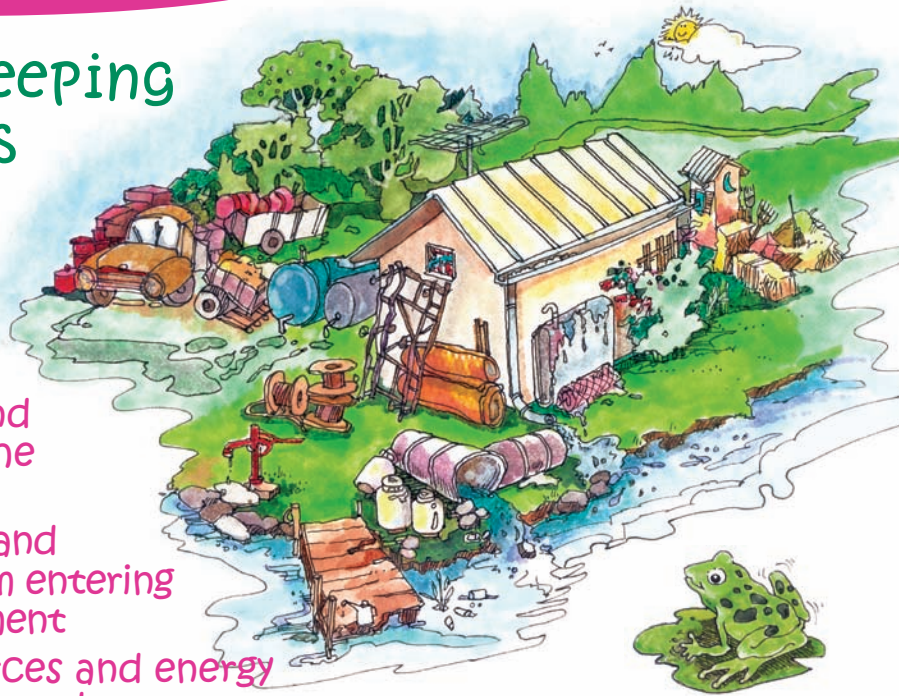


**GOOD HOUSEKEEPING  
Protects  
OUR  
EARTH.**

- prevent leaks, spills and other releases into the environment
- prevents litter, debris and contaminants from entering the environment
- conserves resources and energy improves quality and productivity
- increases efficiency

**A Clean and neat workplace means things won't be wasted.**

**You can always find what you need, where and when you need it.**



Good Housekeeping is the sign of an efficient operation. It provides for the free flow of people, materials and equipment.

### Questions

How would you define good housekeeping?

What habits are important for good housekeeping?

How could you improve housekeeping in your workplace?

What do you need in order to improve housekeeping?

### Good Housekeeping means:

- following preventative maintenance schedules
- fixing equipment promptly
- keeping your work area clean and orderly
- deciding storage location by considering the environment
- where are the drains?
- how does storm water move on site?
- are materials stored away from water courses, wetlands, ditches and catch basins, drainage areas?
- designating areas for recyclables, wastes, and all dangerous goods
- labelling and storing in appropriate containers
- preventing spills and leaks and cleaning up promptly when they occur
- enclosing material transfer points to minimize releases
- ensuring everything has a place.

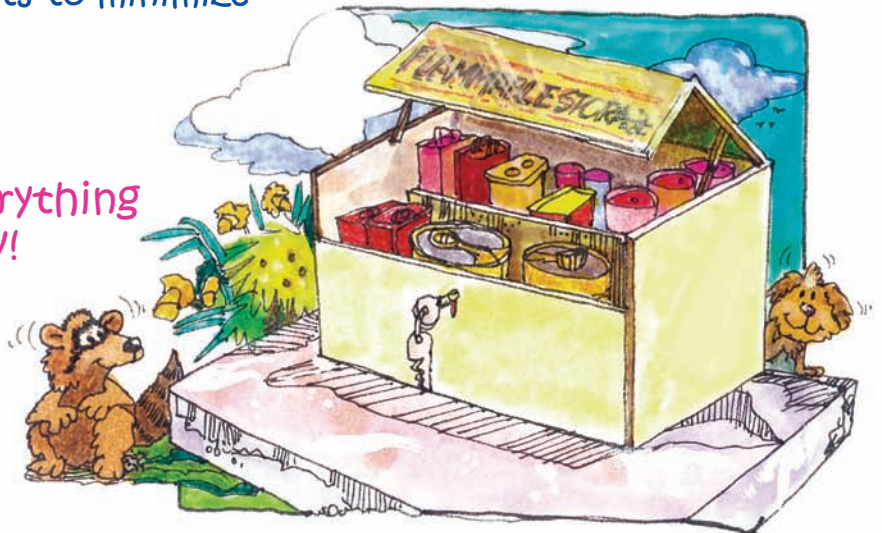


**REMEMBER:**  
The job is not done until everything is cleaned up and put away!

Implement with care



*Tug on anything at all and you'll find it connected to everything else in the universe.*  
John Muir



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