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"Good Green Deeds towards a Recycling Economy and Sustainable Land Remediation"



GOOD GREEN DEEDS PROGRAMME

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Presentation outline

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Good Green Deeds Programme



That we need more effort in order for us to protect the environment, so we decided to take on a National Good Green Deeds Programme to participate in the initiative.

The environmental programme that proposes a simple but bold blueprint can do as individuals, organisations, faith based organisations, as a nation to bring about the realisation of a cleaner and more presentable country.

Environmental actions that take into consideration sustainable living places clean and tidy

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Good Green Deeds Programme

- The main purpose is to change people's attitudes and behaviour towards waste and its management, as well as to begin taking charge and responsibility of keeping their neighbourhood clean
- The Good Green Deeds Programme will encourage individuals and organisations to come together to conduct clean-up centred activities across South Africa and rehabilitate the illegal dumping areas
- Municipalities together with their communities should participate in the clean-up programmes to ensure that their localities are free of illegal dumps.



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Good Green Deeds Programme

Litter free and no
dumping behaviour

Waste Minimisation

Opportunities in Waste

Good
Green
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Programme

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Pedestrians,
- Motorists,
- High-volume public areas,
- Schools,
- Churches,
- Industries,
- Businesses,
- Households,
- Society in general, and
- Waste pickers



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Awareness Platform



Billy Bin



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Partners Contributing to the GGD

Some of the organisations that have collaborated with the Department include:



- Coca-cola Beverage South Africa (CCBSA)
- PETCO
- PLASTICS SA
- Nedbank
- PAMSA
- IUCN
- Sustainable Seas Trust
- SASOL
- Department of Small Business Development



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Individual Contributions to GGD

- Getting Involved in Community clean-up campaigns



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Community Outreach

- Know that waste is a valuable resource and should be recycled
- The Department has led various community Outreach Programmes in various regions of the country.
- Partnerships with various civil society organisations aimed at scaling up levels of awareness and partnerships.





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GGD Expectations

- Enhance the knowledge of good waste management principles in communities on the citizenry.
- Mobilise citizens, Politicians, etc to take a firm position against littering and illegal dumping.
- Highlight the possible socio-economic opportunities in waste management.
- Diversion of waste away from the landfill sites
- To raise awareness to the citizens on the wider environmental issues



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Be an agent of change with one good green deed a day

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THE 1994 Uhuru not only ushered in the universal franchise we enjoy today and will exercise on May 8 when we go to the polls, but it also extended the right to a clean environment to all South Africans.

The planet is loaned to us by future generations and we owe it to them to deliver it to them in impeccable condition.

As we prepare to celebrate the 25th anniversary of democracy, we need to also acknowledge the positive strides we have made in extending environment rights to all South Africans.

These are rights that find expression in our daily lives. Among these is the constitutional right to an environment that is not harmful to the health and well-being of all who live in the country. The transition to an environmentally sustainable, climate resilient, low carbon and just society is also a principle included in the National Development Plan's Vision 2030.

But these are rights that come with a responsibility, a need for all citizens of our diverse and beautiful country to play our part to ensure not only a clean and healthy environment for ourselves, but for our children and their children. The protection of the environment is everyone's business and we all need to work together to

ensure we reduce the negative impacts we have on the environment.

Hence, the importance of the Good Green Deeds Programme that was recently launched by President Cyril Ramaphosa. The launch of this initiative, coupled with the celebration of 25 years of democracy, is an opportune time for us to reflect on the impact we have on our environment, particularly through the amount of waste and litter generated daily.

This amount prompted the president to remark that we are seemingly at war with our planet. Littering, illegal dumping and the pollution of air, streams, rivers and oceans have had negative effects on our health, quality of life and on the appearance of the country.

We've become a throwaway generation. Instead of putting litter into waste bins, we toss it out on to the

streets. Instead of managing our waste, we dump it in places it is not supposed to be posing a danger to the health and well-being of our communities.

Good Green Deeds seeks to mobilise citizens, business, industry, labour and civil society to clean up South Africa. The idea is that by performing just one good green deed a day, you can make a difference. That could range from separating waste at home for recycling, activating clean-up activities in your street, neighbourhood or school, or working with your municipality to ensure that waste and litter removed is properly stored, or even recycled.

Through this campaign we aim to get all South Africans to become agents of the change we want and need in the country – citizens who accept responsibility for the environment around us by taking the small step of not

littering. The simple act of throwing a wrapper in a dustbin and not on the street, or keeping your rubbish until you get home to discard it instead of throwing it out of a car or taxi window can make a huge difference. It will result in less blocked drains, and thus less flooding of roads during the rainy season. It will result in less waste ending up in rivers and streams. It will improve the general health of our environment, and consequently our own well-being.

For many it is frustrating living in areas where there is little, or no, refuse removal. Through Good Green Deeds we can all make a contribution to improving our immediate surroundings by implementing the four Rs in our daily lives, reduce, reuse, recycle and recover. Despite an estimated value of R25 billion to the economy, the current rate of waste recycling has not been maximised. Part of Good Green Deeds campaign is Billy the Bin, a national mascot that will serve as a reminder that we all have a responsibility to keep South Africa clean.

As we celebrate 25 years of freedom, let's commit to doing one good green deed a day by picking up our litter.

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Getting involved in regular community clean-up activities is just one way citizens can make a difference to the environment.



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Changing to a better, greener future

Sharpeville wins war against waste

All this makes our planet sick... it is time for change

Make a difference! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover.

For more information visit www.environment.gov.za call centre: 086 111 1500

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Environment Quarterly

Ezemvelo Ngenyanga Ntshu • Mbango wa kalafu • Mupo niga Kalafu

President Ramaphosa calls for a cleaner South Africa

Sharpeville wins war against waste

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It's time to GO GREEN in school

Our recycling pledge:

- AS PUPILS:**
 - WE WILL TRACK OUR PAPER AND PENCILS AND RECYCLE WASTE.
 - WE WILL BRING OUR RECYCLABLES TO SCHOOL.
 - WE WILL SEPARATE OUR RECYCLABLES BY TYPE.
- AS A SCHOOL:**
 - WE WILL TRY TO FIND BY EXAMPLE.
 - TOGETHER, WE WILL REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND RECOVER.

The 4 R's can help us to find better ways to manage our litter:

- REDUCE** - DON'T BUY TOO MUCH. DON'T BUY TOO MANY. DON'T BUY TOO MANY. DON'T BUY TOO MANY.
- REUSE** - REUSE WHAT YOU CAN. REUSE WHAT YOU CAN. REUSE WHAT YOU CAN. REUSE WHAT YOU CAN.
- RECYCLE** - RECYCLE THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECYCLE THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECYCLE THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECYCLE THE WASTE YOU CAN.
- RECOVER** - RECOVER THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECOVER THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECOVER THE WASTE YOU CAN. RECOVER THE WASTE YOU CAN.

What is recycling?

Why should I recycle?

Recycling at School

- PAPER:** PAPER, CARBON, CORRUGATED, AND OTHERS.
- GLASS:** BOTTLES, JARS, AND OTHERS.
- METAL:** TINS, CANS, AND OTHERS.
- PLASTICS:** BOTTLES, CANS, AND OTHERS.
- TEXTILE FIBRE:** CLOTHING, CARPETS, AND OTHERS.
- WOOD:** CHAIRS, TABLES, AND OTHERS.
- COFFEE PAPER:** COFFEE PAPER, AND OTHERS.
- SOFT PLASTIC:** PLASTIC BAGS, AND OTHERS.
- FOOD WASTE:** FOOD WASTE, AND OTHERS.

Pack a waste-free lunch

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Reduce . Reuse . Recycle . Recover

Are you making a difference?

Section 24 of the South African Constitution states:
"Everyone has the right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being."



WHAT IS RECYCLING?

Recycling means taking the materials from products you have used and using them to make new products. We should all try to recycle because it uses up fewer resources, saves money, saves less energy and it results in less pollution.

There are many things you can recycle such as paper, glass, plastic, certain metals and appliances.

Paper products can include magazines, newspaper, milk and juice boxes.

Glass and plastic products can come from containers, jars and bottles.

Other types of recyclable waste comes from building, household and garden refuse.

That's also the idea you do to help?

The recycling bins and spread the word by telling everyone to stop littering. Staff recycle bins to reward workers and give back to your community and the environment by running clean-up campaigns.

Community Clean Up Day Welcome

Always try to clean up your community to help save the environment?

Reduce . Reuse . Recycle . Recover

Are you making a difference?



Caring for our environment

Start a home garden

YOU CAN PLANT YOUR OWN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IN A HOME GARDEN. YOU WILL BE HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVING MONEY AT THE SAME TIME!

Make your own compost

THE LEFTOVER FOOD IN A COMPOST HEAP YOU CAN USE COMPOST TO GROW NEW PLANTS. TURNING COMPOST ALSO REDUCES SPACE USED FOR LANDFILLS AND CREATES HEALTHY SOIL.

Plant indigenous

PLANT INDIGENOUS SPECIES OF PLANTS. THEY USE LESS WATER AND PROVIDE FOOD AND HABITAT FOR ANIMALS.

Reuse

USE A GLASS DRINKING BOTTLE THAT CAN BE WASHED OUT AND USED AGAIN. AS YOU USE ITEMS THAT CAN BE REUSED, THIS RESULTS IN LESS WASTE.

Become a Waste Picker

START WASTE PICKING TO MAKE MONEY. WASTE PICKERS COLLECT RECYCLABLE MATERIALS TO SELL TO BULKYARD CENTRES.

Reduce power use

WHEN YOU GET A ROOM, ALWAYS TURN OFF THE LIGHTS. USING ELECTRICITY CAREFULLY. SCHEDULED, YOU WILL CREATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES. YOU WILL SAVE ELECTRICITY.

Don't use plastic

PLASTIC BAGS HARM ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND TAKE YEARS TO BREAK DOWN. USE YOUR OWN CANNED BAG INSTEAD OF PLASTIC BAGS.

Save water

SAVING WATER IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. ALL LIVING SPECIES NEED WATER TO SURVIVE. ALWAYS TURN OFF YOUR TAP WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED AND FIX ALL YOUR PLUMPING LEAKS.

Are you making a difference?





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Conclusion

- We all need to work together to achieve the benefits of taking care of our environment
- Lets work as a team to keep SA clean

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