



ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (EP®) CODE OF ETHICS

The Environmental Professional (EP®) Code of Ethics includes several tenets which all certified and in-training members must perform under to remain a member in good standing. In addition, EP® staff, volunteers, and board and committee members must also agree to abide by the same EP® Code of Ethics.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Environmental Professionals uphold the duty to protect, steward, and promote the environment.

Environmental Professionals understand the value of environmental efficiency and sustainability, determine the benefits and costs of additional environmental stewardship, and continue to implement sustainable solutions.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Environmental Professionals recognize the importance of protecting the public and the natural world and work to influence the social, economic, and cultural segments to bring positive change.

Environmental Professionals empower communities around them, enhancing the dignity and reputation of both the profession and the designation, as well as respect the welfare, health, and safety of all persons and the environment through competency, honesty, and transparency.

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Environmental Professionals recognize they need the public's trust for their decisions to be impactful, respected and sought out. They adhere to ethical guidelines, understand rules of conduct, and uphold the standard of practice.

The environmental sector is growing, and the Environmental Professional adapts and





grows along with it. Environmental Professionals maintain accountability, understand their responsibility, work within the rules and regulations, and always conduct themselves to the maximum of their expertise.

ETHICAL AND MORAL STANDARDS

Environmental Professionals are bound to an ethical code where objectivity can be ensured, where they conduct themselves with full integrity and serve in the interest of the public's health and safety, and the environment.

Environmental Professionals have a duty to act as advocates for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Environmental Professionals hold in strict confidence, except as required by law, all information they acquire during their professional relationships and do not use this information for personal gain.

Environmental Professionals safeguard confidential information and understand and respect contractual obligations.

