

Permaculture: Ethics,
Principles and
Actions for a more
permanent culture



There are many examples of Permaculture Principles in action in our Sustainable Living Course. Some will be obvious, and others will not be so marked. We suggest that you jot down what you observe and take note, for your own understanding, why that Principle applies. Kath Moller©2022

1. Observe and Interact.



(pay attention)

Stop Look and Listen

♪*Everything you need is right in front of you*
♪*When you flirt with the dirt you'll observe it's certainly not inert*

2. Catch and Store Energy.



(Harvest while there is abundance).

Save some for Later

Preserve your surplus save your seeds and reserve as much as you can for later on

3. Obtain a yield



(Make sure you're getting valuable results)

Earn a harvest

♪*Work your days for stuff that pays in not just money but in many ways.*

4. Apply Self-Regulation and Accept Feedback



(Be open to modify dysfunctional behaviours)

Check yourself

♪*Self responsibility is what it's all about*

5. Use & Value Renewable Resources and Services.

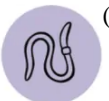


(Reduce dependence on scarce resources)

Go self powered







♪*Do away with fossil fuels and get closer to the soil (because let's face it, it's the end of oil!)*

6. Produce no waste



(Waste not want not)

♪*There's no such thing as waste, just stuff in the wrong place. An opportunity to be embraced*

<p>7. Design from Patterns to details  (Observe natural/social patterns and apply them to design) Be a designer <i>♪ See the bigger picture in things that are small, the whole forest, not just the trees, then you'll be seeing it all.</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>8. Integrate rather than segregate.  (Make the most of how things work together) <i>Many hands make light work</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>9. Use small and slow solutions. (manageable scale local resources and responses,)  <i>Slow and steady wins the race.</i> Keep it simple <i>♪ Reduce pain and strain with less to maintain. Taking longer can make you stronger</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>10. Use and Value Diversity <i>Don't put all your eggs in one basket.</i> (diversity leads to greater resilience)  Mix it up. <i>♪ Variety is the spice of life. Widen minds with different kinds. Different flavours work in your favour</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>11. Use the edges and value the marginal  (Important things happen at the intersections) Think outside the box. Dont think you are on the right track just because it is a well beaten path. <i>♪ Work the interface</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>12. Creatively Use and Respond to Change  (see possibilities and intervene in effective ways). <i>Vision is seeing things not as they are, but as they will be. Get creative.</i> <i>♪ One thing that's for certain is that nothing is for certain. The only thing that remains the same is change</i></p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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