

# PERMACULTURE PRINCIPLES 1-6

Just as designing human systems and settlements for long-term sustainability and livability are guided by the the 3-basic ethics, we can also draw from nature clues for establishing some foundational principles that will ensure we achieve these goals. There are 12 in total.

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## WELCOME TO BENDING OAK PERMACULTURE FARM



### 1. Observe and Interact

*"Beauty is in the mind of the beholder."*

Through engaging with nature, we can design solutions that suit our particular situation.

By walking your yard or trimming your hedge, you will notice adjustments to be made that will lead to a more efficiently used and attractive home for you and your family.



### 2. Catch and Store Energy

*"Make hay while the sun shines."*

By developing systems that collect resources when they are abundant, we can use them in times of need.

Installing a solar system that includes a battery bank or storing a jar of pickles you made allows you to continue meeting your needs even when the sources are not readily available.



### 3. Obtain a Yield

*"You can't work on an empty stomach."*

Ensure that you are getting truly useful rewards as part of the work you are doing.

It is equally as important to plant a head of lettuce to meet your needs today as it is to plant a nut tree to meet the needs of your grandchildren in the future.



### 4. Apply Self-regulation - Accept Feedback

*"The sins of the father are visited on the children of the seventh generation."*

To ensure the individual elements we install will continue to effectively function in the future, we need to routinely take stock of how well they are functioning in the larger system and administer the necessary adjustments to ensure they remain an asset to the system as a whole.



### 5. Use and Value Renewable Resources and Services

*"Let nature take its course."*

Make the best use of nature's abundance to reduce our consumptive behavior and dependence on non-renewable resources.



### 6. Produce no Waste

*"Waste not, want not" or "A stitch in time saves nine."*

By valuing and making use of all the resources that are available to us, nothing goes to waste. Creating a compost pile with our food scraps or repairing rather than purchasing a new hammer, helps to eliminate the need to build another land fall.