

## Going Green!

The Ministry of the Environment and the Department of Environmental Health Services encourages the planting of native trees and the use of compost material to replenish and nature our soil. We also encourage residents to start backyard gardens and to keep your yards Clean Green and Pristine!

Go Greene tips:

- Use a washable mug as an alternative to non biodegradable Styrofoam or plastic cup
- Use the back of an old document or misprint papers for message pads
- Use a cloth bag and say no to plastic bags
- Switch off lights and appliances at the wall unit and unplug chargers which continue to consume electricity even if not charging.
- Always put litter in a proper container and do you part to keep the Bahamas Clean



The Clean Green & Pristine Logo was used in a National Campaign which encourages all residents to join in keeping the Bahamas Clean Green and Pristine....



### *FUNCTIONS OF D.E.H.S.*

1. Investigate problems and institute preventative and remedial measures in areas that cause environmental pollution, such as the management and disposal of solid, liquid and gaseous waste, drinks and food manufacturing, rodents, insects and general sanitation.
2. Conduct research, studies and monitoring programs related to the matters described in # 1
3. Gather, collate, analyze, publish and disseminate information relevant to the Act.
4. Promote the planning approval, funding and implementation of measures designed to ensure the safe use of the environment.
5. Provide ways and means for the training of persons involved in environmental services
6. Understand and carry out related services mandatory and investigate and prepare the necessary reports, plans and programs.
7. Maintain and operate the necessary laboratory, analytical and inspecting facilities
8. Provide advice in the field of environmental health and other supportive services to government and non- government agencies.

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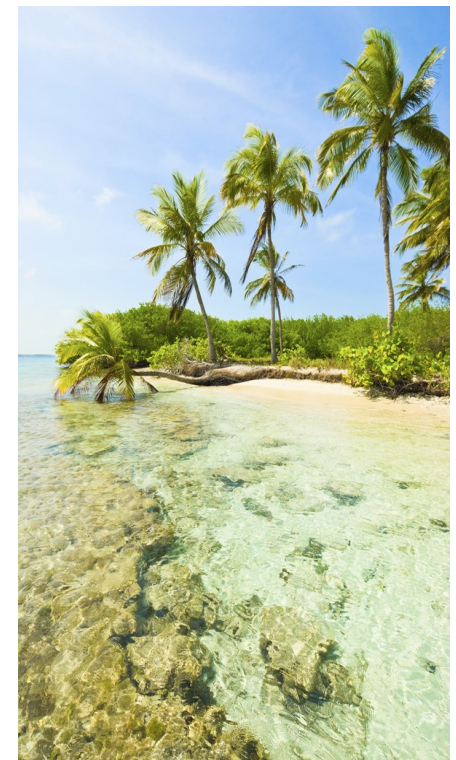
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# Environmental Health Services

## HISTORY

With the establishment of the Health Services Act in 1935, The Department of Environmental Health Services was founded. The Act was limited in its function and in 1987 the Environmental Health Services Act was passed, which gives the Department of Environmental Health its responsibilities.

The Department of Environmental Health Services is under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment and Housing which is headquartered at Cloughton House, Shirley Street. The Ministry of the Environment and Housing was established in 2012 and is led by The Hon. Kenred Dorsett, Ms. Camille Johnson is the Permanent Secretary for the Ministry.

The Department of Environmental Health Services is located at Farrington Road. The department is responsible for several programs which are geared towards improving and maintaining our environment.

The Department of Environmental Health Services is composed of several divisions namely: Environmental Monitoring and Risk Assessment (Public Analyst Laboratory), Environmental Sanitation and Consumer Protection Division (Health Inspectorate) and Solid Waste Management.

**Our Mission Statement :** The promotion and maintenance of a clean health environment and protection of the public's health through vigorous and consistent monitoring and the application of environmental education and enforcement.



### Solid Waste Management Division

The Solid Waste Management Division of the Department of Environmental Health Services is located at Tonique Williams Darling Highway. This unit has responsibility for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse from residential communities in New Providence.

To maintain the aesthetics of our communities and prevent the proliferation of vectors such as rodents, roaches mosquitoes and flies which spread diseases; consistent removal of solid waste from residences and business houses and the maintenance of sanitation standards must be enforced.



### Environmental Sanitation & Consumer Protection (Health Inspectorate)

The Environmental Sanitation and Consumer Protection Division (ESCPD) or Health Inspectorate Division of the Department of Environmental Health Services is located at Farrington Road, Nassau Bahamas. The ESCPD is comprised of several units or sections and employs Environmental Health Officers or Inspectors who conduct various inspections aimed at ensuring the health and safety of the public and protection of the environment. The units in the ESCPD are :

- Building Control
- Port Health
- Licensing & Certificate of Sanitation
- Building Control
- General Sanitation & Complaints
- Prosecutions
- Vector Control



Health Officer conducting inspection

### Environmental Monitoring & Risk Assessment (EMRAD) (Public Analyst Laboratory)

The Environmental Monitoring and Risk Assessment Division of the Department of Environmental Health Services is located at Nassau Court. The laboratory staff conducts testing and analysis of locally produced and imported food, bottled water, soft drinks and dairy products to ensure product quality and safety.

This division also conducts air monitoring analysis and testing of marine waters to monitor changes in air and sea water quality which may affect health and safety.



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