



## **Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers**

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### **Policy Statement-Nutrient Recirculation**

Ontario Greenhouse Vegetables Growers (OGVG) aims to position greenhouse vegetable farming as a forward thinking and environmentally sustainable sector. OGVG encourages all members to be stewards of the environment whereby they reduce, recycle and recirculate whenever possible.

One of the greatest opportunities for improved environmental sustainability occurs during the planning and construction of new or expanding greenhouse operations. As a matter of policy, and as a part of its overall commitment to environmental responsibility, OGVG recommends that all new or expanding greenhouses be built with equipment to allow for the recirculation of fertigation water.

OGVG also recommends that owners of existing greenhouses without nutrient recirculation capability consider how they will deal with the fate of waste nutrient solution from their operations. OGVG strongly encourages all growers to investigate the potential retrofit of their existing greenhouse operations to incorporate nutrient recirculation and other potential environmental performance improvements.

OGVG is committed to an active research program focused on the development and implementation of environmentally sustainable practices. In addition, we will assist in providing education and information to the growers in support of these objectives while also continuing our advocacy work for the sector by presenting the views and needs of our members to government organizations, other stakeholders and the public.

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