Green Team Code of Ethics

Fundamental Principles

Team members will uphold the integrity, honor and dignity of engineering at MIT by:

I. Using our knowledge and skill to create a green product for the benefit of society.
II. Being honest and respectful to our teammates as well to our clients.
III. Designing to the best of our abilities with the resources and time available.

Fundamental Canons

1. Safety: Team members will design and build a product in a manner that ensures the safety both of themselves and of the consumer.
- Team members will evaluate the safety of the experiments and work they will conduct, or will consult with the safety officer in order to be fully aware before proceeding with actions that are potentially dangerous to themselves and those around them.
- Team members should never feel unsafe while completing team assignments or tasks.

2. Honesty: Team members will be honest about all aspects relating to the project.
- Team members will be honest about any safety risks involved with running experiments or operating the product and any prototypes.
- Team decisions will be based on proper research, feedback, and consumer needs rather than on personal bias.
- Team members will only use 2.009 funding to purchase materials that are necessary for the progress or completion of the project.
- In addition to the above, all actions must comply with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology policies on academic integrity.

3. Helpfulness: Team members will offer help, especially in their areas of expertise, when help is needed.
- Team members will help the team accomplish goals and will ask for help in advance if they cannot meet a deadline.
- Team members will be proactive about finding or anticipating problems that need help solving.

4. Courtesy: Team members will respect each other's opinions, schedules, and levels of experience.
- Team members will attempt to teach rather than exclude.
- Team members will provide constructive criticism when necessary.
- Team members will arrive on time to all meetings.
- Team members will respect the needs and schedules of others involved in the project, including clients, instructors, mentors, and lab technicians.

5. Efficiency: Team members will utilize team tools and resources effectively.
- Team members will return tools and materials to their proper place of storage.
- Team members will take advantage of the resources offered by instructors, course librarians, and communication instructors.

6. Communication: Team members will communicate effectively in order to achieve all of the above.
- Team members will make sure that everyone fully understands the final project goals before working on specific components so that everyone can keep the final design in perspective.
- Team members will be honest about challenges facing an idea. No idea is perfect, and miscommunication will only make the problem worse in the long run.
- At the same time, team members will be respectful of each other when providing feedback on an idea.