

Environmental management, in simple words, is our deliberate action to maintain and improve the natural environment.

There are three types of pollution in the urban environment.

The first is air pollution. It is the most dangerous and most common pollution of the urban environment, which acts directly on living organisms, not only because of its coverage of large areas, but also the ease of movement. The most dangerous form of air pollution in built-up areas is smog.

The second pollutant is water pollution. In the case of water in cities, these are rainwater drains. Their pollution is sewage system, runoff superficial water pollution and post-production pollution.

The third, and last, is pollution associated with soil contamination. These are mainly improperly stored waste, so-called wild dumps, waste tossed in places not intended for this purpose, for example forests and ditches.

The Municipality of Kołobrzeg, like every municipality in Poland, is obliged to have an adopted environmental protection program. It is adopted once every four years and reported every two years. In our municipality, the last report was carried out in 2020, and next year a new program will be made. The city's development strategy was adopted on September 28, 2020.

The City of Kołobrzeg focuses on sustainable development, which intertwines with the dimension of environmental protection, to maintain the status of the leader of the cities of the Polish coast in the field of spa and rehabilitation activities.

The Municipality of Kołobrzeg has a whole range of instruments, having in their scope not only improving the quality of the environment, but also counteracting its deterioration.

The main instruments are grants - here we have subsidies related intentionally, whether for the replacement of heat sources, for the removal of asbestos or for the development of family allotment gardens.

Permits and decisions are another instrument. Here we have permits for felling trees and shrubs and decisions on environmental conditions, but also keep in mind the conditions for connecting to the storm water drainage.

Another instrument is the control instrument.

Control activities are carried out in the field of disturbances of water relations, illegal felling of trees, discharge of sewage into storm water drains, tossing waste, lack of segregation and control of combustion sources.

Above all, however, we have an instrument for educating the public, in which we are truly experts. The main barriers we encounter in our work are the lack of environmental awareness mainly in the ignorant who do not care about the fate of the natural environment.

In conclusion, the quality of the environment of our city is good, however, most attention should be paid to increasing environmental awareness, not only among residents but also tourists, that by taking care of our immediate surroundings, we care about our city and our planet.