

Template for writing a S.M.A.R.T. Goal

Crafting S.M.A.R.T. Goals are designed to help you identify if what you want to achieve is realistic and determine a deadline. When writing S.M.A.R.T. Goals use concise language, but include relevant information. These are designed to help you succeed, so be positive when answering the questions.

Initial Goal (*Write the goal you have in mind*):

1. Specific (*What do you want to accomplish? Who needs to be included? When do you want to do this? Why is this a goal?*):

2. Measurable (*How can you measure progress and know if you've successfully met your goal?*):

3. Achievable (*Do you have the skills required to achieve the goal? If not, can you obtain them? What is the motivation for this goal? Is the amount of effort required on par with what the goal will achieve?*):

4. Relevant (*Why am I setting this goal now? Is it aligned with overall objectives?*):

5. Time-bound (*What's the deadline and is it realistic?*):

S.M.A.R.T. Goal (*Review what you have written, and craft a new goal statement based on what the answers to the questions above have revealed*):

More SMART Goal Examples

Ongoing

- Provide high quality customer service resulting in a 90% customer satisfaction rating from external customers on accuracy, timeliness and courtesy measures on an ongoing basis.
- On an ongoing basis, reconcile the department financial reports by the 15th of every month with no increase in reconciliation errors.
- On an ongoing basis, accurately process and dispatch 95% of high priority calls for police, fire and medical services.
- On an ongoing basis, dispatch 82% of high priority calls for police, fire and medical services within established timeframes.
- Resolve 90% of complaints through a collaborative process without need for formal mediation on an ongoing basis.
- Conduct education, monitoring and enforcement to ensure that 98% of agricultural and pest control businesses are in compliance with all pesticide regulatory requirements on an ongoing basis.
- Manage and support effective performance resulting in achievement of 75% of program and individual performance targets by the end of the fiscal year.
- Manage the department budget to stay within appropriations and accomplish 85% of service results by the end of the fiscal year.
- Coach and support my direct reports resulting in attainment of 85% of all performance plan goals and feedback from direct reports that I provided them with clear expectations, meaningful feedback and fair performance evaluations by the end of the fiscal year.

New Project/Performance Cycle-Specific

- By March 2011, develop and implement a customer service plan that results in department staff reporting that they are clear about expectations for excellent customer service and have the skills and support to perform at that level and that results in customers reporting that they receive excellent customer service.
- Transition to a new automated case management system with minimal affects on customer service by developing a training program that ensures all staff can process 30 cases per day no later than three months after the end of the training classes.
- Reduce overtime in the department from 150 hours per month to 50 hours per month by the end of the fiscal year with no increase in incident reports.
- Develop a quality improvement process for the sanitary sewer system that reduces the failure rate to 1% by 12/31/11.
- Create a partnership with at least 5 local cities to deliver two compliance-related training workshops resulting in \$ ____ improvement in Net County Cost by 6/30/11.
- By 11/30/11, update the employee handbook to include a searchable intranet version that employees find easy to use and informative.
- Complete the Energy Watch Program to reduce countywide carbon emissions by 605 tons by the end of the fiscal year.

- Conduct outreach and education that reduces the amount of illegal dumping into the streets and drainage channels by __% by June 30, 2011.
- Develop and implement vehicle replacement plan to increase the Average Fuel Economy to 30 Miles per Gallon by 2012 for Midsize and Compact Vehicles and to increase the average Miles per Gallon on the total fleet to 25 MPG by 2016.
- Implement Evidence Based Probation Service (EPBS) practices in order to reduce recidivism among participants by __% by June 30, 2011.

Development Goals

- By June 30, 2011, develop and apply upgraded computer skills that enable me to produce budget reconciliation reports each month in a timely and accurate fashion.
- Develop and practice my coaching skills so that my direct reports report that they feel more satisfied with their work and able to perform at a higher level and such that I achieve a 30/70 split between coaching and doing by June 30, 2011.
- By June 30, 2011, complete course work and attain a CSAC credential to enhance my skills as an effective leader as measured by feedback from my supervisor and the accomplishment of my performance plan goals.