



Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

Admiral Cleaners



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Drycleaner
Member since March 2018

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Founded in 1932, Admiral Cleaners is one of the oldest and largest drycleaners in Maryland with 8 locations and 4 free pick-up and delivery service routes. The third generation owners are proud to be celebrating over 85 years in business. Admiral has always met or exceeded environmental requirements. Management undertook a formal environmental initiative in 2008 and continues to look for ways to improve its environmental practices. The following is our environmental policy statement:

Admiral Cleaners is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment.

Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff, and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- *Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- *Prevent pollution whenever possible;*
- *Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;*
- *Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff, and our community; and*
- *Continually improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.*

Signed: Wendy H. Kerridge, VicePresident/Owner

Date: 3/5/18

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We purchase oxo-biodegradable poly for the plastic that is placed over clothing which breaks down in the environment within 12 months. This poly is 23% more expensive than regular poly but management feels strongly about its environmental responsibility.

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

- *In 2008, we eliminated the use of capes (paper that is put over hangers).*
- *We permanently affix barcodes to clothing in our Anne Arundel County stores and routes which eliminates the use of strip tags (paper strips attached to clothing) as well as the plastic in the Dennison tagging gun.*
- *Annually, we collect nearly 40% of our hangers for reuse. In 2017, this amounted to 194,000 hangers.*
- *We provide customers with re-usable hanger caddies to facilitate hanger reuse. Hangers are recycled in Anne Arundel County by our team members from the Providence Center, an organization for mentally challenged adults.*

Recycling

- *All supply boxes are recycled.*
- *We provide recycling containers in every store for the poly clothes covers.*

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- *When our main plant in Annapolis was designed in 2007, we incorporated energy efficient systems. The boiler produces steam to the presses. On its return, the steam becomes hot water that is run through a heat exchanger that is then used to heat the city water for the washers before going back to the boiler. Significant energy is saved by not having to use natural gas to heat the city water.*
- *We also incorporated spot cooling which provides cool air directly to work stations to keep team members cool but does not waste energy.*
- *We have recently consolidated plants which will reduce the use of natural gas and solvent by largely eliminating partial loads of clothing.*

Transportation



Customer Travel

- *Through our pick-up and delivery route service, we service approximately 500 customers per week, saving untold fuel by eliminating the two trips to our stores our customers would need to make each week.*



Fleet Vehicles

- *We monitor vehicle fuel consumption and efficiency through our gas card program with WEX that provides data each month.*



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