



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.

Givens Collision Repair Center, Inc.

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Auto Body Repair and Refinishing

Member since March 2011

Management And Leadership



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We were the first in our industry in the area to switch over to environmentally friendly waterborne paint products (March 2009) and continue to use products that meet and exceed the upcoming 2012 VOC regulations.



Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

As members of the Fredericktown Rotary, we oversee our sponsored "Adopt a Highway" Program. We have also done many seminars and clinics for members of our industry demonstrating our waterborne paint products and the benefits of using these products for the environment and for the health of our employees.

Waste



Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

All plastic bumpers are picked up and repaired/reconditioned/recycled, which keeps them out of our landfill.



Recycling

We recycled over 10,000 lbs of aluminum and steel alone last year. We received roughly \$1,000 in return with no transportation costs and it is not going

to the landfill! We also recycle antifreeze, oil, paper, cardboard, used car parts and Freon.

☒ **Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction**

The waterborne paint system has reduced our VOCs by 60% and there are no heavy metals in it! We also use a Sidewinder Solvent Recovery System for recycling our solvent based products (clears and undercoats.) This eliminates the generation of hazardous wastes.

Energy

☒ **Energy Efficiency**

By using skylights and windows up high in the facility along with energy efficient lighting/cooling and heating we have been able to reduce our utility costs by 50%. Our old shop (8,000 sq ft) cost twice as much to light and keep warm with no air conditioning as our new 17,000 sq ft shop costs and it is air conditioned!

Transportation

☒ **Employee Commute**

Givens Collision Repair Center has a crew of three people that travel together every day from Hagerstown, saving approximately 80 miles a day, and two employees that travel together from Middletown and save approximately 30 miles of travel per day. On an annual basis, this ridesharing saves 260 gallons of gas and reduces 35 pounds of hydrocarbons, 263 pounds of carbon monoxide, 5,239 pounds of carbon dioxide and 17.5 pounds of nitrous oxide.

Water

☒ **Stormwater Management and Site Design**

We installed a Baysaver Filtering System to store and clean all of our stormwater on site so that NO trash leaves the site and enters our waterways. We also kept as much "green space" as was feasible with many shrubs and plantings on the site. We have a very large green area in the back where we actually see deer on most evenings!

Other



We received the Frederick County Office of Economic Development's "2009 Creative Green Stewardship Company of the Year" for all of our efforts on making our business green in an industry that is rarely seen as "green." Our ongoing commitment is to continue to make strides on the "Green" forefront not only for us but for our industry. We have been published in Bodyshop Business Magazine and in the Hammer and Dolly (an industry publication). We were also chosen by Costco to be featured in their "Costco Connection" magazine in April of this year for our Green efforts in our industry. Also, the Frederick News Post did an article on our Grand Opening and they are featuring us in their upcoming "Green" business section in March. Our Motto says it all: "Go Green with Givens."



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