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Corporate and Personal Eco-Gift Baskets

Member since July 2010

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Environmental Products and Services

The foundation of our company is based on educating the public on wiser choices and environmental responsibility with a 300-page, locally printed, 100% recycled paper, soy ink book titled The Complete Guide to Energy Conservation for Smarties. Our baskets are 100% natural grass baskets woven by women paid Fair Trade wages for their work. We include environmental products from companies such as Earth Lust which are recycled, rechargeable, renewable, local and organic.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

Our long distance phone service is provided by Earth Tones which gives 100% of their profits to grassroots environmental organizations. Our cellular phone service is provided by Credo, an environmentally responsible organization supporting clean energy legislation and environmental groups.

The use of 100% recycled paper in the printing of the book has saved 45-65% less energy in production, 36% less water pollution by using fewer chemicals and 74% less air pollution compared to making new paper.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Free environmental education presentations have been given throughout Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties. These groups include churches, parent teacher associations, river associations, garden clubs, ethic society, community organizations and more. Currently Global Baskets is working with The Alliance to Save Energy and Repower America at home. Our free kick off meeting was held at Broadneck Library on June 28, 2010. The goal is to offer free energy efficient seminars monthly through rotating libraries in Annapolis. Teams are encouraged to reach goals in decreasing carbon emissions by October 10th 2010.

Global Baskets is also involved with Habitat for Humanity homes being built in Annapolis. Each new home owner will be given The Complete Guide to Energy Conservation for Smarties. Every library in Anne Arundel County has received 1-2 copies of the Smarties guidebook.

WASTE

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

Re-use is common practice. We never purchase disposable products and their use is discouraged. We reuse all cardboard boxes and all work stations are reclaimed and refurbished architectural pieces.

Recycling

Global Baskets is a strong advocate of composting and gives frequent free seminars on the topic. Indoor and outdoor composting is actively utilized daily. All waste products such as cardboard, paper, plastics, glass and aluminum are curbside recycled. Broken or burnt out CFLs are recycled at the Home Depot public collection depository.

ENERGY

Energy Efficiency

Global Baskets' warehouse is exclusively heated with a wood stove using local downed trees. The building is insulated to maximum code and windows and doors are new and double-paned. The adjacent attached home uses solar hot water. The grounds surrounding the warehouse are mowed with battery power mower. We use all CFL bulbs in our warehouse/shop.

Renewable Energy

As a subscriber of 100% wind power through Washington Gas and Electric since 2007, Global Baskets is included in a program that has avoided over 120,000 tons of carbon dioxide from using clean energy. A BGE Smart meter is also installed for potential voluntary electric shut offs in the event of a potential black out. Global Baskets LLC also uses 130% wind power for our web site and additional carbon offsets are purchased for users that visit the site.

TRANSPORTATION

Efficient Business Travel

Global Baskets has attended one out-of state-vent with the National Educators of Outdoor Environmental Education in Wichita Kansas. Carbon offsets were purchased for the required air transportation. We also carpool to events.

Fleet Vehicles

Our transportation for eco-events and deliveries is an efficient automobile with an aftermarket alteration known as The Blade. This product, made by Sabertec <http://www.ecooptimized.com>, decreases carbon emissions and increases fuel economy. The Blade is recommended for any traditional vehicle with tailpipes less than 2 ¼ inch in diameter. After installing the Blade tailpipe extension on a 2005 Scion XB, fuel economy increased from 32 miles per gallon to 36 miles per gallon, saving \$428 in one year. Carbon emissions were also decreased from 13,492 to 10,862, a savings of 2,623 pounds of pollution.

WATER

Storm water Management and Site Design

Rain barrels are used at the edge of the warehouse and the driveway to the building is 100% permeable gravel.

OTHER

The owner is a LEED Green Associate and supporter of the Green Building Institute, Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Sierra Club.