



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.

Indigo Ink Digital Printing

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Printing/Manufacturing

Member since October 2009

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Part 2 of our company mission statement: "It is also our goal to conduct all aspects of our business in an ethical and environmentally sensitive manner."

Annual Environmental Goals

It is our goal for 100% of our house stock papers to be FSC certified. We are very close! Every 6 months we review our paper stocks that are not FSC certified and what is available in the marketplace to see if there are available FSC papers we can switch to.

Environmentally Preferable Procurement

We try to use environmentally friendly vendors and products for our business needs, where available. For instance, we use eco friendly/natural cleaning supplies. We also purchase recycled paper products (including paper towels and bath tissue) for all our business and facility needs.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We are an FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified printer which means we adhere to the FSC chain of custody agreement. FSC certification signifies that the product either comes from recycled material, forests that meet strict environmental and social standards, or a combination of both. Indigo Ink undergoes an annual audit in order to maintain FSC certification.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

In 2008, 2009, and 2010, Indigo Ink sponsored/hosted a local stream clean-up in the Columbia/Red Branch Road Business district. In the years 2011 and 2012, we participated in stream clean-ups sponsored by the "Patapsco Heritage Greenway" Organization. <http://www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org/> We plan to continue to either host or participate in stream clean-ups annually.

Waste

Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

The presses we have chosen to use for our business (which are relatively new technology) generate far less waste paper than conventional presses.

Recycling

We recycle all materials that are eligible to be recycled including all waste paper scraps generated from the printing process in addition to any miscellaneous office paper waste.

Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction

All of Indigo Inks Offset and Digital presses are considered to be more environmentally friendly with a significant reduction in the emission of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) compared to traditional offset. Also, our offset press is a waterless system eliminating the need for any toxic chemicals or any high chemical content water waste in the printing processes (which is common in conventional printing). In addition, our offset press utilizes vegetable oil based inks.

Energy

Renewable Energy

Indigo Ink purchases wind power offsets for 100% of our electrical usage and is an EPA Green Power Partner.

Indigo Inks uses approximately 180,000 kWh of electricity a year. By purchasing wind power renewable energy credits, we are offsetting approximately 243,000 lbs of CO2 every year.

Transportation

Fleet Vehicles

Indigo Ink owns/utilizes a hybrid vehicle to use for all business and sales activities, decreasing the amount of fuel used during day to day business travel.

Water

Water Conservation

Our offset press is a relatively new piece of technology with a waterless system that eliminates the high chemical content water waste found in conventional printing.

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