



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.

Mount Vernon Printing

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Commercial Printer

Member since August 2011

Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Mount Vernon Printing is dedicated to leveraging our strengths, talents, resources and technologies to service our communities and our customers through earth friendly practices. Our allegiance to the environment is an integral part of our day to day activities.

- *Our environmental commitment extends to our customers, staff, and the community in which we belong. We devote ourselves to:*
- *Abide by all pertinent environmentally-concerned principles, standards, and regulations*
- *Reduce our waste output year after year*
- *Communicate our quality and commitment to conservation and sustainability practices to our customers, staff, and community*
- *Provide power through renewable, clean energy*
- *Measure our impact on the environment and set targets for ongoing improvements*

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Mount Vernon Printing utilizes paper that is approved by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), a group that represents the world's strongest system for guiding forest management towards responsible outcomes. The FSC sets forth principles, criteria and standards that span economic, social and environmental concerns. On our products, Mount Vernon utilizes the FSC Trademark, which

identifies products which contain wood from well-managed forests certified in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council.

MVP also uses soy inks. These inks are non-hazardous and originate from vegetables, making them easier on the environment than the traditional petroleum-based inks.

Waste

Recycling

Mount Vernon Printing strives to recycle 100% of our paper waste, which results in recycling an average of over 811,000 pounds of paper per year. In addition to paper, we also recycle the aluminum plates used in the printing process. Each year we recycle over 20,000 pounds of metal from these plates. An additional 12,000 pounds of cardboard and 380 wooden skids are also recycled yearly. The materials we recycle equate to saving over 9 million BTUs of energy, over 1 billion pounds of greenhouse gases, and over 4 billion gallons of wastewater annually.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Over the past several years, Mount Vernon has achieved energy savings by implementing practices that allow us to reduce our overall power usage. We have also invested in more efficient equipment, allowing us to do more with less and reducing power consumption. For example, after an analysis of the usage of our two air compressors, we found that our operations necessitated the use of only one air compressor instead of two. By eliminating the use of the second compressor, we were able to save a large amount of energy. These practices led to Mount Vernon winning the 2009 Save Energy Now Award from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Renewable Energy

Mount Vernon is currently offsetting 100% of its energy with wind power provided through Clean Currents, a clean energy solutions firm that provides renewable energy brokerage and on-site installation services. Clean Currents brings together renewable energy generators, energy suppliers and end users to deliver green energy options that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fight global warming.

Green Building

LEED Silver

Mount Vernon Printing is anticipating relocating to a new, environmentally-friendly building in January 2012 in Laurel, MD. The building has been certified LEED Silver under the New Construction Rating System.

Other

2009 Save Energy Now Award Winner

Mount Vernon Printing has received a 2009 Energy Saver award for achieving more than 75,000 MMBTUs total energy savings or more than 7.5% total energy savings. The U.S. Department of Energy Industrial Technologies Program awarded 140 facilities across the United States for making significant progress in implementing the energy savings opportunities identified through a Save Energy Now energy assessment. In total, the award recipients achieved more than \$47 million in cost savings and 6.4 trillion BTUs in total energy savings.

Rainforest Alliance Certified

The Rainforest Alliance Certified seal, when used in conjunction with the FSC Trademark, is a symbol that indicates quality and commitment to effective conservation and sustainability practices.

EPA Green Power Partner

Mount Vernon Printing is part of the EPA's Green Power Leadership Club in 2011 for exemplary green power purchasing. EPA's Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program helping to increase the use of green power among leading U.S. organizations. In this program, organizations are encouraged to purchase green power as a way to reduce the environmental impacts associated with conventional electricity use. As stated above, Mount Vernon is powered by 100% wind power.



Help build a greener, more sustainable Maryland through voluntary practices that reduce environmental impacts and save money.

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