



## 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.

# Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO)

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Utility

Member since September 2009

### Management and Leadership

**Annual Goals**

*SMECO has established a corporate goal of 5% reduction in energy consumption at SMECO facilities and 5% reduction in miles driven by SMECO vehicles.*

**Environmentally Preferable Procurement**

*SMECO purchases Energy Star products, hybrid and electric vehicles, and office paper with at least 30% recycled content for colored paper and 100% recycled content for white paper.*

**Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*SMECO offers on-line bill payment for their customers, on-line energy audit, energy saving tips on the web, energy monitoring kits within local libraries that include Kill-A-Watt monitors to help their customers monitor and conserve, and an extensive intranet for employees.*

**Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

*SMECO participates in numerous fairs and speaking engagements throughout our service territory. SMECO distributes information regarding energy conservation, compact fluorescent lights, and energy saving nightlights. SMECO has also constructed over 20 osprey-nesting platforms. SMECO has added two electric vehicle charging stations.*

## Waste

**Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse**

*SMECO reduces its paper consumption using electronic communications and employee intranet. Surplus office supplies are redistributed through a raffle system to employees. SMECO donates surplus vehicles to local charities and electronic equipment to SMARTCO.*

**Recycling**

*In 2013, SMECO recycled 152 tons of waste. This included 23 tons commingled recyclables, 32 tons of mixed paper, and 97 tons of mixed metals.*

## Energy

**Energy Efficiency**

*SMECO has recently completed construction of LEED's Gold Engineering and Operations building.*

## Transportation

**Efficient Business Travel**

*SMECO employees frequently utilize conference calls and webinars to reduce travel.*

**Fleet Vehicles**

*SMECO currently has five hybrid vehicles and plans to add more as older vehicles are replaced. SMECO has also added one electric vehicle to its fleet.*

## Green Building

**LEED Gold**

*SMECO has completed construction of its Engineering and Operations Building which was built to the LEED Gold Rating System for New Construction.*

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

*Learn more at [www.green.maryland.gov/registry](http://www.green.maryland.gov/registry)*

