



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.

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Alternative Energy Installer/Developer

Member since September 2009

Management and Leadership



Environmental Team

We are a small business so all members of our organization are part of our environmental team. Each person has contributed to our environmental policy and is encouraged to bring new ideas.



Annual Goals

At the end of this year each employee is required to submit a log of all business related activities they have participated in which may have increased their carbon footprint. During this time we look at ways to reduce their impact in the upcoming year and ways that we can help offset what has already been done. Our goal is to have zero carbon emissions by reducing the amount of waste we create and natural resources we use.



Environmentally Preferable Procurement

We will always use the more environmentally sensitive product whenever the choice is presented. For example, all paper used in our office is made of either 100% recycled products, or Bagasse which is a paper derived from sugar cane waste.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Seven Seas Energy designs, installs, and consults on the implementation alternative energy systems. Some of the components of the systems are green, and some cannot be. Silicon for example is a tough component to manufacture

and requires a significant amount of energy to create. However we feel that over the course of the solar panels life-cycle, the amount of energy made from the panel far outweighs the energy needed to create it. Whenever a product is used that is not “green,” we make sure that its purpose will offset whatever damage may have been made during the manufacturing process. We also require that all contractors purchase Carbon Offset Credits while working on our projects.

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

The founders of Seven Seas Energy started the Baltimore Chapter of Green Drink International (www.greendrinks.org). Green Drinks is an environmental happy hour designed for everyone that is green minded and wants to learn of ways to include the newest green practices in their life and work. This is a monthly gathering where we encourage businesses to discuss their new practices, as well as foster discussion and education of the current environmental issues.

Furthermore, we are involved in many area organization such as United States Green Building Council, and the Severn Riverkeeper Program. Members of our organization participate in river clean ups and fundraising for those two organizations.

Waste

Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

Members of our organization are encouraged to reuse paper, fabric bags and recycle. When a printed piece of paper is not used as intended instead of throwing it away we have a box where individuals can discard that waste. That piece of paper is then cut up and used as scrap paper in the office. We also use filtered water in the office rather than bottled water to reduce waste.

Recycling

Our leased office space does not provide a recycling receptacle. In lieu of this we have a separate trash can and all recyclable materials are taken to be a recycling center. We recycle approximately 100 aluminum cans per week. We also recycle printer cartridges at local drop off points.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Our office uses minimal lighting which is powered by fluorescent bulbs. We also purchased all new MacBook lap tops because they use an LED screen and are made from recycled materials.

Renewable Energy

No renewable energy has been installed at our primary location as we are on a month to month lease. It should be noted however that the principals of Seven Seas Energy and one of our employees have chosen to use 100% wind power to power their homes.

Transportation

Employee Commute

The principals of Seven Seas Energy both live within biking distance of the office and bike to work whenever possible. Part of our culture is cycling so this part comes easy for us.

Efficient Business Travel

Whenever meetings are out of our office, the principals of Seven Seas Energy carpool. We usually drive a diesel vehicle which has Terrapass (www.terrapass.com) certificate that offsets 36,000 lbs. of CO2 annually. We feel this is the best way to travel with a zero carbon footprint.

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