



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.

Turn the Page Bookstore

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Management and Leadership

Environmental Policy Statement

Turn the Page is guided by a commitment to protect the planet we live in, conserve its natural resources and preserve it for future generations. The health and vitality of our community depends on our ability to achieve this. There are many ethical standards that guide our environmental efforts and ensure we do our part to protect against any harmful impacts. It is Turn the Page's policy to:

- 1. Conduct our business and operate our facilities in an environmentally responsible manner;*
- 2. Comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations;*
- 3. Minimize waste and reduce pollution sources in our store and shipping operation;*
- 4. Encourage and assist our customers, vendors, and employees in utilizing sound environmental practices.*

We also believe every Turn the Page employee has a responsibility to minimize the environmental impact of his/her job whenever possible. Environmental stewardship is an important part of the character of our company, and we encourage our employees to improve the company's environmental performance.

Environmental Team

All staff at Turn the Page meet daily over lunch to discuss a variety of business plans and events. In our meeting we include discussions on waste

reduction and sound environmental practices. Ms. Janeen Solberg, Manager, is the staff liaison for reduction of waste.

Annual Environmental Goals

The Turn the Page shipping department will increase use of eco-friendly packing supplies. We will advertise to our customers that it is our policy to reuse mailing boxes and packing supplies. We will inform and educate our customers through regular Facebook postings; as well as notes in our packages. Our goal is to reduce the use of any non-recycled materials by 35% this fiscal year.

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

- *We carry vintage and locally made products for our customers.*
- *All greeting cards that we sell are made on recycled paper.*
- *We only sell and serve organic fair trade coffee. It is served in compostable coffee cups with recyclable lids.*
- *All gift bags and tissue paper are 100% recycled with 40% or more post-consumer recycled content. We always ask if a customer would like a bag, thus reducing the number of bags used.*

Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

Boonsboro Library Solar Panels

Turn the Page Owner, Bruce Wilder, was instrumental in the installation of a roof-mounted solar array at the Boonsboro Free Library. Wilder Project LLC, a limited-liability corporation formed specifically for the library project, was a signatory of the deal along with Washington County Board of Commissioners President Terry Baker, Library Director Mary Baykan and Phil Kelly of Millennium 3 Energy. The panels are expected to provide 60% of the library's energy needs and reduce its \$10,000 annual energy costs by more than one third.

Boonsboro Green Fest

Turn the Page is a vendor and contributing donor to the Annual Boonsboro Green Fest. www.boonsborogreenfest.com We offer books on environmental topics to the community. Turn the Page is also the official sponsor of All Shred at the Annual Boonsboro Green Fest. All Shred recycles all paper that is shredded in a community wide collection.

Turn the Page Manager, Ms. Janeen Solberg, is Founder and Co-Chair of the Boonsboro Green Fest. At our Fifth Annual Boonsboro Green Fest in May

2013, she led the team in the collection of recyclables, pharmaceutical and over the counter medicine returns, and in the shredding of material. More than two dozen collection stations were set up in the Community Center parking lot as follows: Gently Used Clothing & Sports Equipment Swap & Sale; Paper Shredding (four-box limit); and Prescription & OTC drug turn-in. Janeen Solberg has also joined the Boonsboro Green Team, working toward Sustainable Maryland Certification.

Recyclable collections were as follows:

1. Containers, bags, packing material, egg cartons, large block #6 Styrofoam, packing peanuts/air pillows/small, clean boxes, plastic flower pots & trays, solid color stretchy plastic bags (including newspaper bags);
2. Medical equipment, eyeglasses, metal wheelchairs, walkers, crutches & canes, eyeglasses & cases;
3. Batteries, rechargeable batteries, car & lawnmower batteries;
4. Books, magazines, used books, textbooks, encyclopedias, National Geographic, and other magazines;
5. Metal, aluminum, scrap metal;
6. Jars, pull tabs, medicine bottles, canning jars & lids, aluminum can pull tabs (especially colored ones), empty prescription drug bottles (no labels);
7. Christmas tree light strings, coated electrical wire, bikes, sewing machines, band instruments, greeting cards (front panels - all themes, except holiday), wine corks (including synthetic), plastic gift & credit cards (may be cut or shredded);
8. Clothing, hangers, sneakers, wire clothes hangers (clean, no rust), old sneakers (any brand), denim jeans, jackets, etc.;
9. Computers, electronics, phones, cartridges, television sets (residential, 1 per household - no consoles), computers, computer accessories, cell phones, ink cartridges, CDs & DVDs (no cases), VHS tapes, laptop computers, digital SLR cameras, SLR lenses, handheld game systems, game consoles & video games, iPads & Tablets, iPods & MP3 players, E-Book readers, Range finders, Sky Caddies, mobile hotspots, WiFi devices, 4G USB air cards, portable GPS devices, radar detectors, TI graphing calculators;
10. Household recyclables -- paper, cardboard, catalogs, phone books, food-grade glass bottles & jars, metal cans and #1-7 plastic containers.

Waste



Recycling

Turn the Page currently has a recycling contact with Apple Valley and collects comingled recycling, paper and cardboard. We have separate recycling

containers in the business that are emptied to the recycling bin located in the rear of the building. We share our recycling bins with a neighboring business and together collect 15 tons annually.

We recycle the following:

- *Glass*
- *Ceramics*
- *Paper & Cardboard*
- *Plastics: mixed, Styrofoam,*
- *Beverage cans & bottles*
- *Metal*
- *Universal Waste (batteries, light bulbs, general electronics)*

Using EPA's WARM model for calculating greenhouse gas emissions reductions resulting from our recycling efforts, Turn the Page Bookstore has reduced 2 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) for the period 01/01/2013 to 01/01/2014.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

Turn the Page Bookstore uses programmable thermostats, motion sensors for outdoor lighting, and only uses CFL's at the store. At night, all computers and technology are turned off.

Transportation

Efficient Business Travel

We are located in a pedestrian-friendly area on Main Street in Boonsboro.



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

