



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.

Cherry Hill Park



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Campground & RV park
Member since May 2018

Management and Leadership



Environmental Policy Statement

Cherry Hill Park is committed to reducing its impact on the environment. We have joined the Maryland Green Registry and are committed to meeting its core requirements. In addition, we will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impact on the environment.

Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:

- *Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;*
- *Prevent pollution whenever possible;*
- *Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;*
- *Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff and our community;*
- *Continuously improve over time by striving to measure our environmental data (waste, energy and water) and setting goals to reduce those totals each year;*
- *Ongoing review and assessment of our environmental program with annual reporting of progress to management and the Maryland Green Registry program.*

It is management's responsibility to ensure that this policy is available and accessible to all employees and that the environmental program meets the terms of this policy.

Our organization's commitment to the environment, combined with similar commitments from the entire Maryland tourism industry, will make a significantly positive impact on the environment!

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

We use the following best management practices:

- *Have a plan in place to reduce property waste*
- *Track overall waste bills and established baseline data for quantity of wastes produced*
- *Performed a waste stream audit to determine baseline waste data and identify waste reduction opportunities*
- *Set a numeric goal of overall waste reduction*

Guest Rooms

- *Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps / shampoos in guest rooms*
- *Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items*
- *Use real coffee mugs and no polystyrene products*

Kitchen and Prep / Dining / Catering / Meetings and Events / Campground Snack Bar

- *Use effective food inventory control to minimize waste*
- *Do not use polystyrene coffee cups*
- *Use disposable food service items are eco-friendly - polystyrene is avoided*
- *If disposable containers are used, they are made from - bio-based materials, recycled content, and/or compostable material*
- *Use reusable dishware and glassware and minimize use of disposables*
- *Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters*
- *Use water pitchers and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles*

Restrooms

- *Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms*
- *Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper*

Registration / Office

- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase recycled paper with a high percentage recycled content
- Make 2-sided copies / printed materials and avoid making extra copies
- Use recycled content paper for copies / printed materials
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes

Buildings and Grounds

- Dispense cleaning agents in bulk to reduce quantities used
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture



Recycling

Information on our recycling program is given at time of check-in. Clearly marked recycling bins are located at all trash stations. We also provide visible recycling at all events hosted at our facility. Our recycling vendor, Sun Services from Beltsville, takes our mixed recyclables to a processing plant

We are recycling:

- Glass
- Aluminium Cans
- Steel Cans
- Plastic
- Office Paper
- Printer and copy machine toner cartridges
- Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Pallets
- Packing Supplies
- Fluorescent Lamps (required by [EPA regulations](#))
- Batteries (required by [EPA regulations](#))
- Electronics equipment (required by [EPA regulations](#))
- Grease (we have it picked up by a rendering company)



Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction

- Use [green cleaning chemicals](#)
- Use latex paints that are low or no-VOC
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents - required by [EPA regulations](#)

- *Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles*
- *Use less toxic materials*
- *Minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and fertilizers in landscaping*
- *Train staff effectively to use agrochemicals correctly and in proper applications*
- *Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers*
- *Use natural fertilizers instead of synthetics*
- *Use composted production materials for fertilizer*

Energy



Energy Efficiency

We use the following best management practices:

- *Have a plan in place to reduce property energy usage*
- *Track overall energy bills and establish baseline energy usage*
- *Have a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time*
- *Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities*

Kitchen:

- *Confirmed that all refrigerator, freezer and oven gaskets provide a good seal, or replaced*
- *Routinely clean condenser coils on all refrigeration equipment*
- *Setting / installing defrost timers for freezers*

Lighting:

- *Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights*
- *Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights*
- *Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms*
- *Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms, canned lighting or wherever possible*
- *Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps - T-5's & T-8's*
- *Use [LED Exit Signs](#)*
- *Pool area, ballroom, down lighting outside of buildings*

Heating and Cooling:

- *Have a high efficiency heating and air-conditioning HVAC system*
- *Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system*
- *Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on*
- *Housekeeping closes blinds and resets optimal temperatures*

Demand Management:

- *Participate in demand reduction events when issued by electric grid operator PJM.*



Renewable Energy

- *We have two solar photovoltaic arrays, one on the Main Office and one on our Bus Depot.*
 - *The Office array generates about 12,000 KWH per year, and has generated 121 MWH since 2008.*
 - *The Bus Depot array generates about 8,500 KWH per year, and generated 46 MWH since 2013.*
- *Have a solar water heating system*
- *Purchase [Green Power from utility](#)*

Water



Water Conservation

We use the following best management practices:

- *Have a plan in place to reduce property water usage*
- *Track water bills and established baseline data on water usage and wastewater generation*
- *Have a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time*
- *Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks*
- *Discourage water-based cleanup, ie. sweep first*
- *Use microfiber technology mops*
- *Defrost foods ahead of time in refrigerators to avoid the need for running-water defrost*

Use or installed the following devices:

- *low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads*
- *aerators on faucets (0.5 gpm or less for lavatory and 2.2 gpm or less for kitchen faucets)*
- *low flow toilets (1.6 gpf or less)*
- *low flow urinals (1 gpf or less)*
- *automatic or sensed faucets or toilets in public restrooms*
- *tankless hot water heaters*
- *an air-cooled versus a water-cooled icemaker*

Have an effective landscape management plan which utilizes:

- *native species*
- *drought tolerant species*

- *rain gauges*
- *minimizes lawn areas*

Have an effective storm water plan management including:

- *Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds*
- *Collection of storm water runoff for irrigational use*

Other

- *Collection of storm water runoff for irrigational use*
- *Optional linen service. Change linens only upon request.*



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

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