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# The Common Market Co-op

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Food Cooperative/Grocery Store  
Member since November 2018

## Management and Leadership

### ☒ Environmental Policy Statement

*Our [Ends Policy](#) incorporates environmental stewardship into two of its four components including this statement:*

*“The Common Market exists in order to be a model for the use of environmental resources that is increasingly sustainable in the products we sell, the business we operate, and the practices we promote and support in the larger community.”*

### ☒ Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

*The Co-op accepts household batteries and CFLs for recycling. For a complete list of items we recycle please review our [Green Initiatives](#) on our website.*

### ☒ Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

*At the Common Market, “local” refers to products grown or produced within 200 miles of the co-op. We partner with sustainable local farmers and producers to provide our community with the freshest, most nutritious and delicious whole foods in Frederick. This isn’t limited to fruits and vegetables—local offerings can be found throughout the store.*

Part of the Co-op's mission is also to make healthy food and knowledge of that food accessible. To that end, the Co-op has introduced a [food attributes key](#) to provide information on the various attributes (organic, local, fairly-traded, etc.) of the foods we offer.

## Waste



### **Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse**

1. *Our Take A Bag, Leave A Bag Program is available outside the entry to the store. Customers can take a reusable bag and leave one for others to use for their shopping trips, cutting back on the number of paper bags used by customers.*
2. *New Owners receive a free reusable bag.*
3. *We offer sturdy paper bags at checkout but encourage customers to bring a reusable bag. We stopped using plastic bags in 2020.*
4. *Our Bring-A-Bag Program encourages customers to bring their own reusable bag because for every bag they bring, they receive a token to donate 5 cents to a charity of their choice upon exiting the store.*
  - *To date, we have donated \$243,639 to local non-profits.*
  - *The Bring-A-Bag Program has also saved 269,717 bags from the landfill.*
5. *We have a standing container in our exit vestibule for consistent donations to the local food bank, where customers may drop off donations.*
6. *For food that is nearing its expiration date, we have weekly donation pick-ups from the local food banks. This reduces waste and feeds those in need of a healthy meal.*
7. *We compost food scraps through Key City Compost.*
8. *Our Cafes will begin offering silverware and compostable plasticware this month!*



### **Recycling**

1. *Through Terracycle, we have recycled a total of 1,334 tons of products that were previously deemed unrecyclable, since 2009.*
2. *We bale cardboard boxes from store deliveries – in 2023, we recycled 211,315 lbs!*
3. *We offer ink cartridge and small electronic recycling.*
4. *We began recycling eyeglasses in 2021 in conjunction with the Lions Club.*
5. *We began recycling oyster shells in 2021 in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.*

## Energy



### **Energy Efficiency**

*The Common Market recently transitioned to LED lighting, reducing the heat produced by the bulbs as well as the carbon footprint of the store. At our*

*new store on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, the lights in the refrigerator and freezer cases are motion-sensored for further efficiency.*

## **Transportation**



### **Employee Commute/Customer Travel**

1. *Two electric vehicle charging stations are available free of charge at each store.*
2. *Common Market works with the Frederick County Transit Department to hold classes on how to ride transit & sponsor Frederick's annual Bike to Work Day.*

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