



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.

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

Part of the Co-op’s mission is 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 when they sign up.*
3. *We offer sturdy paper bags and reusable plastic bags at checkout for customers who do not have a reusable bag. Both bags are also recyclable.*
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 \$477,966 to local non-profits.*
 - *The Bring-A-Bag Program has also saved 245,349 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.*

Recycling

1. *We have recycled a total of 397 tons since 2009.*
2. *We partner with Terracycle, to assist in recycling certain products that were previously deemed unrecyclable.*
3. *We bale cardboard used from stocking the store, averaging about 168,000 pounds per year.*
4. *We offer ink cartridge and small electronic recycling.*

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.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

We have an electric vehicle charging station, which is free to use.

- *The charging station has two spaces available.*



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