



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.

Town of Berlin



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Municipality

Member since February 2021

Management and Leadership



Environmental Team

The Town of Berlin's Economic and Community Development, Public Works, Planning, Utilities Departments all work together to identify green practices and projects for Berlin throughout the year. We put great efforts into making sure Berlin and Berlin events are always as environmentally friendly as possible.

We also have a [Bee City USA](#) team that works together to build and maintain pollinator gardens, keep the community informed on pollinators and the importance of having home pollinator gardens, host cleaning events and more. The Town of Berlin's Bee City Committee is made up of employees and volunteers and meets quarterly.



Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

The Town of Berlin offers a number of services to help our residents and businesses implement sustainable practices including energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling and composting.

The Town offers a free energy audit to all residents and business owners where our Utilities Director inspects homes and offers tips and suggestions on how to improve energy efficiency. We also offer a system called CodeRED that sends alerts to those who sign up to inform them about water outages and other emergency alerts. It also informs people how to save on their electric bill and save energy during extreme weather. For example, in the hottest days of summer Code Red participants will receive an automated text, email or phone call

informing them about the most efficient times to use that using their washer, dryer, AC, etc.

We also promote waste reduction by encouraging the use of reusable bags. At the Berlin Welcome Center, we provide free reusable bags for shoppers to use instead of plastic bags. We have been doing this for two years and will continue to do so. We have given out more than 4,000 bags since 2019.

Environmental Restoration and Community Environmental Projects

In 2019 The Town of Berlin purchased 10 [Sidewalk Buttlers](#) with a Main Street Improvement. Sidewalk Buttlers hang on our street signs and provide a place for people to drop their cigarette butts to be recycled instead of littering. Once the Sidewalk Buttler is filled, we collect them and send them to Terracycle. Since fall of 2019, we have sent three very full boxes to Terracycle. This means by installing Sidewalk Buttlers we have reduced cigarette littering by the thousands and counting.

Waste

Recycling

In addition to recycling at its own Town offices and facilities, the Town of Berlin collects recycling from residents every week and offers two single stream recycling trailers for residents and businesses to drop off recyclable items that the Town transports to a recycling facility. The Town offers this service to residents since Worcester County does not offer single stream recycling.

Composting

The Town of Berlin partnered with Go Green OC to compost all Halloween/fall décor this past fall. Our community was able to drop their pumpkins, hay, corn stalks, and other items into a large container to be composted. People put their contact information on their pumpkins, and we chose a winner who received a gift card to our local creamery. We plan on partnering with Go Green OC to do this again and for more composting opportunities.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

The Town has replaced standard lightbulbs in all of our downtown streetlights with LED fixtures.

Transportation

Employee Commute/Customer Travel

Berlin has designated bike lanes and sidewalks for sustainable connectivity. Many bicycle racks have been installed at our parks and the downtown to encourage bicycle transportation.

Water

Stormwater Management

The Town has invested in pervious sidewalks to reduce stormwater runoff.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

The Town of Berlin has the following certifications:

- [Sustainable Maryland](#) certified
- [Bee City USA](#) certified
- Certified [Keep America Beautiful](#) affiliate

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

Learn more at green.maryland.gov

