



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.

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General Contractor

Member since September 2013

Management and Leadership

Annual Environmental Goals

For the coming year, our goal is to only purchase products and materials, whether it's for the customer or our own use back in the office, from green labeled suppliers. We believe through purchasing our needs from such suppliers, we will be able to support other green suppliers and also encourage our customers through our initiation.

We are also an approved trade ally of Pepco energy saving program, which encourages local business to save energy and help the environment.

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

- *Purchase products that do not have mercury.*
- *Purchase non-toxic cleaning products.*
- *Purchase the right amount of material (wood, steel, paint, etc.) for every project and not in excess.*
- *Purchase products in bulk to eliminate packaging waste.*
- *Purchase ENERGY STAR office equipment.*

Waste

Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

As a business, a good part of what we throw away each day is paper. To reduce our paper waste, we have taken the following actions:

- *Sign up for electronic copies of bills instead of paper billing.*
- *Use electronic invoices and other documents in our own business.*
- *Unsubscribed from mailing lists of unwanted catalogs.*

When we purchase wood, steel, and paint, we make sure that we are buying the right amount of material and not in excess.

Recycling

- *Paper – We recycle nearly 15 lbs of paper each month (180 lbs annually).*
- *Food waste – We try to prepare the right amount of food so that we don't have any food waste and compost organics.*
- *Old computers and printers – We recycle one or two items every two years.*

Energy

Energy Efficiency

- *Turn off lights when not in use.*
- *We use available sunlight to illuminate our workspace.*
- *We have replaced incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps and are saving \$135 annually.*
- *Regularly check the HVAC filter and change it when necessary.*
- *Have a programmable thermostat.*
- *We save energy and reduce internal heat gain by turning off computers, monitors, and printers when we are not working.*
- *We have screen savers on our computers and have set our computers to go into power saver mode.*
- *When we purchase equipment such as computers, monitors, printers, etc, we look for ENERGY STAR.*

Transportation

Employee Commute

The business is run from the owner's basement which decreases the amount of travel every day.



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

