

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.

# **Finish Werks Custom Mod**



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### **Management and Leadership**

## **Environmental Team**

All employees meet at least twice weekly. Environmental goals are always a part of this meeting.

## **Environmental Policy Statement**

See our Truth in Building statement: <u>http://www.finishwerks.com/TRUTHInBuilding.html</u>

## **Environmentally Preferable Procurement**

We work with modular-home factories to source materials and products (appliances, windows, fixtures, etc.) with the lowest environmental life cycle costs. We have a "Repair, Re-use, or Buy Recycled" policy in the office.

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#### Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

Finish Werks has implemented a policy of designing and building to Energy Star standards at a minimum, in addition to striving for further efficiency and renewable energy measures for our clients. Our staff has installed over 300kW of solar energy systems (capacity of PV and solar thermal). The highest green building methods and standards are used for each client within their financial capabilities.

## **Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects**

Our staff has given presentations on sustainable building methods as well as sustainable living at several public and private schools in Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

#### <u>Waste</u>

# Solid Waste/Material Use Reduction and Reuse

An average custom home project will require 4 to 6 dumpsters for on-site waste removal whereas our construction sites have only required one dumpster. Much of this is accomplished through materials use efficiency and waste reduction at the factory. In the office, we prefer electronic methods. When paper is required, both sides are utilized as well as printing on recycled content paper and with recycled/refilled toner for a 40% cost and materials savings.

### Recycling

Since its beginning Finish Werks has recycled over 400 pounds of e-waste including having a mobile phone and battery recycling box for other businesses in our building.

#### **Energy**

# **Energy Efficiency**

We have efficient lighting and power strips for computers/electronics, and we keep our thermostat set at 63 degrees in the winter using space heaters for spot heating, and 78 degrees in the summer.

#### **Transportation**

## Employee Commute

The Principal of the company lives 5 miles from office and telecommuting is encouraged for staff when possible. This has always been our policy.

# **Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities**

*Finish Werks is a NAHB certified green builder, Energy Star New Homes* Partner, DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes Partner, and Board Member at MHBA and MBIA Green Council. See <u>http://www.finishwerks.com/green-builder-</u> certification.html

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