

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.

# **Hoffberger Moving Services LLC**

1406 Shoemaker Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209 410-825-3344 www.hmsmovers.com Commercial Moving Company *Member since March 2010* 

## **Management and Leadership**

### **Environmental Policy Statement**

Hoffberger Moving Services LLC is committed to being a leader in the commercial moving industry in environmental stewardship and sustainability. We will strive to improve our environmental performance over time and to initiate additional projects and activities that will further reduce our impacts on the environment.

*Our commitment to the environment extends to our customers, our staff and the community in which we operate. We are committed to:* 

-Comply with all applicable environmental regulations;
-Prevent pollution whenever possible;
-Train all of our staff on our environmental program and empower them to contribute and participate;
-Communicate our environmental commitment and efforts to our customers, staff and our community;
-Continuously improve over time by striving to measure our environmental impacts and by setting goals to reduce these impacts each year.

Our staff continually searches for new ways to reduce the impact of our operations on the environment and minimize our carbon footprint.

For more information on our sustainability initiatives, visit <u>www.hmsmovers.com</u> See 'About Us' and 'Sustainability.'

#### Environmentally Preferable Purchasing

We support responsible use of forest resources by using Forest Stewardship Council approved stationary and recycled paper products in our offices and warehouses. Our moving boxes and bins are certified by the Sustainable Forest Initiative.

## **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

We encourage our clients to take advantage of our durable, reusable plastic crates and dollies to reduce waste, cut back on labor and improve the efficiency of the move. The crates, which are made of recycled plastic and can be stacked on specially designed dollies, prevent cardboard waste, eliminate heavy lifting, reduce plastic film waste, provide greater protection of belongings, improve security, increase moving truck capacity by 40%-50%, cut greenhouse gas emissions and are cost competitive. We have been able to reduce the use of cardboard boxes by 50% over the last two years. In the past we ordered 10,000 cardboard boxes annually, and at present we order 5,000 with the goal of continually reducing that amount.

To further reduce the use of cardboard boxes and bins, we design and build large reusable rolling wooden library carts and equipment carts to move office equipment and office contents.

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

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## Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse

In addition to cardboard waste reduction efforts described above, we strive to become a paperless office and look for opportunities to eliminate paperwork and convert all forms of documentation to a digital format. We expect this initiative will not only reduce our impact on the environment, but also result in productivity gains, costs savings, space savings and improved communications.

Instead of paper and plastic products we use ceramic mugs, plates, glasses and stainless steel utensils in our office for employees and guests. We have discontinued bottled water and utilize a filtered water container.

We also look for opportunities to reuse materials. For example, if a client insists on using paper boxes for packing, we try to reclaim the boxes after the move and reuse the boxes to protect artwork on future jobs. In our warehouse, we reuse paper, packing, cardboard and our wooden pallets.

At our moving sites we offer services for the reuse and recycling of electronics, paper (including document shredding recycling), furniture and files. We strongly encourage clients to recycle or donate their excess furniture and equipment. We have been responsible for finding 'new homes' for unwanted furniture for charitable organizations and other companies along with delivering and installing the furniture that would otherwise be taken to the dump.

#### $\overline{\mathbf{N}}$ Recycling

Hoffberger Moving Services LLC strives to measure our environmental impacts in our in-house office recycling program which includes recycling all paper products, bottles and cans in labeled recycling bins. Metal products are transported to a scrap yard for recycling.

# **Transportation**

#### $\mathbf{\nabla}$ **Efficient Business Travel**

Hoffberger Moving Services LLC supports efficient business travel through group transportation of our employees in our vans and moving trucks to all of our commercial moving jobs. We discourage all of our employees from using their personal automobiles.

#### $\mathbf{\nabla}$ **Fleet Vehicles**

All of our trucks use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel to reduce emissions.

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