



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.

Printing Specialist Corporation



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Commercial Printer

Member since August 2009

Management and Leadership

Environmentally Preferable Products and Services

We produce all of our offset printing on chemistry free plates, using soy-based inks. Our digital presses recycle their wastes and use efficient liquid inks rather than toner. We also purchase only the most environmentally friendly equipment and supplies.

Waste

Recycling

By recycling all of our production set up sheets and office waste paper, we have cut our trash pick up from a weekly, very full dumpster to a bi-weekly, partially full one. All of our paper is sorted by grade and recycled monthly, including all office waste. All paper, aluminum plates and cans are picked up periodically by Kline Paper, saving several tons of landfill space and paying us back thousands of dollars each year.

Hazardous Waste/Toxic Use Reduction

By using soy inks and chemistry free plates, we have reduced our hazardous waste discharges to zero.

Energy

Energy Efficiency

All seldom used areas in the building are lighted using motion sensors (restrooms, warehouse, kitchen and conference areas). All heating and cooling is zoned, using programmable thermostats that have cut usage by 20%. Most of our equipment has been replaced in the last 10 years to be more productive and energy efficient.

Transportation

Employee Commute

We moved our facility from downtown Baltimore to Glen Burnie to be closer to most of our employees, taking an average commute time of 40 minutes to approx. 15 minutes or less. We allow some of our employees (book keeping and estimating) to telecommute via computer interfaces on remote desktop applications.

Fleet Vehicles

One of our vehicles is a Hybrid, getting 6-8 more mpg than our previous vehicle. Two other vehicles have been recently replaced with more efficient ones.

Water

Water Conservation

Our plate manufacturing was connected to plumbing, using hot water and flushing through a silver recovery unit before going down the drain. That has been replaced in 2006 by a laser plate setter that uses no chemistry and less electricity.

Environmental Certification Programs, Awards, and Other Activities

- We are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) as a "green printer." We also belong to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Sierra Club and the Nature Conservancy and contribute to many other conservation organizations. The president of the company maintains two oyster floats at his residence and has planted 137 feet of natural shoreline in lieu of a bulkhead.*

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

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